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Tackle the problem at the source

New alcohol promotion ban 'ineffective' says nightclub manager

MEASURES devised to combat West Dorset's binge drinking culture by banning "irresponsible" al-

cohol promotion in clubs and pubs have been branded ineffective by a nightclub manager.

Dorchester's FireStation

nightclub manager said the introduction of laws banning drinks promotions are

sensible but ineffective, instead citing cheap supermarket sold alcohol as the

problem's source.

His remarks follow the passing of legislation last week banning promotions such as "all you can drink for £10", women drink free deals and speed drinking competitions.

Also banned are games or other activities that require or encourage individuals to excessively drink, such as the "Dentist Chair" made famous by Paul Gascoigne and the England European Championship squad in 1996.

Firestation Manager Ollie Parkinson said: "In



By Paul Crompton

Old Hardyans praise school

A NUMBER of Old Hardyans took up their new posts during the club's annual dinner at the Dorchester school.

Around 70 old boys of Thomas Hardy's School and their wives met in the Sixth Form Centre to praise the success of the school and welcome its members into their new roles.

Pictured from left are Terry Brown, guest speaker; Professor Hugh Griffiths, retiring President of the Old

Hardyans; Michel Hooper-Immins, new President of the Old Hardyans; Tom Hearing, UK Young Scientist of the Year.



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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

■ WHAT does your job involve?

CHRIS Meadows, 26, lives in Weymouth and works for the Magna Housing Association as the Co-ordinator of the Customer First initiative.

Chris grew up in West Dorset and attended Budmouth and Weymouth College. After a short spell working for the Department of Work and Pensions Chris took time out to travel Asia.

After returning to England Chris took up a job as a chef for a year before joining Magna in 2007.

Chris is a big sports fan, following his beloved Manchester United FC and acting as player manager for Tuatara Bar FC in the Weymouth and Portland Sunday Premier Division.

Despite being settled in his job for Magna Chris hopes to spread his wings in the future and fulfil his ambitions to travel.

■ WHO are the best footballers you've played with?

I've played with and against some good players in my time, including a couple of ex-pros, but for me it's between a few good friends of mine that I have played with for years and are well known locally.

John Lamb played for Weymouth during the Claridge era and now again currently. As well as being very skilful, he has a great football brain. Tom Grattidge is an extremely talented young striker that plays for me on Sundays, but the best would have to be Andy Graham. He has a great engine, every attribute you need as a player and is a cracking bloke to boot.

■ WHERE would you still like to go?

Everywhere! I really want to visit Northern Africa and South America, particularly Brazil and Argentina. Donations welcome.

■ WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party and why?

Sir Alex Ferguson would be the first name on the list, just to thank him profusely for what he has done for my beloved united. Larry David of TV's Curb Your Enthusiasm would be next on the list, he is hilarious and I love his inability to follow social convention. As for the third guest, my lovely girlfriend Sarah did ask for a name check, and I guess inviting her would be the ideal way of doing so. However, Scarlett Johansson edges it I'm afraid. Sorry Sarah.

■ WHAT was the last book you read, film you watched and CD you listened to?

Friends like These by Danny Wallace was the last book. The Informant, or at least half of it, was the last film I watched, it was awful and the last CD was The Doors - LA Woman.

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Calls for council leader to resign

CALLS have been made for the West Dorset District Council leader to resign over his insistence to forge ahead with controversial plans for a multi-million pound office development.

In a straw poll residents have agreed WDDC

leader Councillor Robert Gould should stand down over the proposed £10.7 million plans for new WDDC offices in Dorchester.

Around 80 people called for his resignation on grounds of failing to consult the public prop-

erly and his refusal to attend the specially organised meeting in Bridport Town Hall on Monday, April 19th.

Bridport resident Ian Johnson, who made the

initial suggestion, said: "We need to send a strong message to the council and call for the resignation of Councillor Gould.

"I'll write to Councillor

Gould with words to that effect. Someone has got to do it. I feel strongly about the amount of waste in local authority [money] so we have to start doing something, don't we."

Once again the questions were many but the answers were few as the WDDC leaders and senior officers invited to the meeting by organiser Dr Sue Farrant failed to attend.

Councillor Robert Gould later said he did not want to politicise the proposals and did not attend the meeting because they were holding their own series of "productive" question and answer events with the public.

Councillor Gould said he would not resign, adding: "We've been going through a very long period of public consultation to move the offices in a very open way, in full view of the public.

"The whole thing driving our plans is saving for the future, whatever happens on May 6th it is going to be tough in the public sector.

"We've come to this decision [about the council offices] through very careful consultation and believe it is right for

Dorchester." The meeting was told of the parallels between the Dorchester proposals and the ones in Salisbury – which saw the estimated costs spiral from £5.5 million to £20 million.

Former leader of Salisbury District Council, Councillor Paul Sample JP was guest of honour as he re-told how an election saw councillors lose their seats just months after forcing through similar offices in South Wilshire.

Councillor Sample said: "There is enormous parallels with what the council officers and leaders are telling you about this project for Dorchester and what my political leaders and officers were telling me in Salisbury.

"The local council was cutting back in their funding but some how the leaders and senior officers thought it was a better idea to spend money on council offices in the heart of the city."

Dr Farrant said clearly people were very angry about the proposals and once again the anger was about what people considered the arrogance of the conservatives that ran the district council.

How do they do it without considering the people who have to foot the bill?"

The planning application is due to be submitted within the next week, and will be available to view on www.dorsetforyou.com

■ WEST Dorset District Council plans to build new offices costing £10.7 million in Charles Street, Dorchester.

The move is hoped to save taxpayers around £145,000 a year, after they repay the £4.5 million loan taken to finance the build.

The move is, in part, due to the "inconvenient and inefficient" current council offices at Stratton House.

Children meet 10 years on

SEVEN giant pictures of babies have adorned the corridors of the East Wing of Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester for over ten years.

They were the result of a hospital arts project in 1999 and feature seven babies born in the later half of May of that year.

Now the corridor close to the maternity unit will also carry new pictures of those same children a decade later as part of a new Arts in Hospital project called "10 Years On".

The new framed photos were taken by the same London photographer Gabriella Sancisi, who took the original pictures.

A ceremony unveiling the new photos took place on Monday to which all the children with their parents and Gabriella attended. Each of the children, which included twins, also received their own print.

Hospital arts co-ordinator Alex Coulter said: "We are really pleased that all the children were able to take part and be here for the ceremony. The original photographs have given enormous pleasure to patients and staff over the years and are some of the hospital's most iconic artworks, and it will be great to show them ten years on."

Photographer Gabriella added: "I was commissioned to take pictures of the staff at the time and was asked for my thoughts on other subjects, and we came up with the idea of new-born babies. It's great to have been invited back to take the updated pictures, maybe I'll be back in another ten years."



■ GROWN UP: The children with copies of the new portraits in front of some of the original newborn photos from 10 years ago. Back row: Brenden, Max, Tom and Chloe (Front) Twins Annie and Fizzy, and Megan

Nightclub owner brands drink promotion ban 'ineffective'

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my personal opinion these measures will have little if no effect on the apparent 'binge drinking' culture.

"Although, admittedly the on sales sector of the licensing industry has played a large part in the past with promoting heavy drinking through drinks promotions and drinking games, the problem very rarely lies with either the bars, pubs or clubs."

"The biggest issue in today's society with regards to over consumption of alcohol is the supermarkets."

"Certainly, during the times of recession, as money has got tight for many people through cut backs in hours or redundancy, people have turned to the supermarkets more and more to get tanked

up before they go out into town.

"Surely it is better that people who are going out for the night are encouraged to drink in a safe, controlled environment, where the staff are properly trained as to what point to stop serving alcohol."

In total five conditions have been proposed in mandatory code for alcohol retailers which are part of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, three introduced on April 6th and a further two conditions will be introduced on October 1st.

One of the conditions now allows clubbers and pub goers to legally receive free tap water at venues.

Owners of pubs, clubs and restaurants that fail to adhere to the conditions could land themselves with a £20,000 fine or six months in prison under the new law.

West Dorset District Council hope the five mandatory conditions attached to the law, which applies to all establishments that sell alcohol, cuts down on revellers excessive drinking.

Jenna Rawle, WDDC Senior Licensing Officer, said: "Providing free water will hopefully encourage people to space out their alcoholic drinks and prevent drunkenness."

"This is a great step in helping to prevent crime and disorder by promoting sensible drinking. All premises affected by the changes will be advised in writing shortly about the exact requirements."

The additional conditions are: under 18 year-old age verification and ID checks; all premises give customers the choice between a single or double measure of spirits and a 125ml glass of wine.

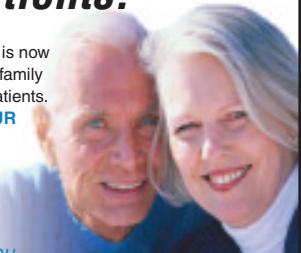
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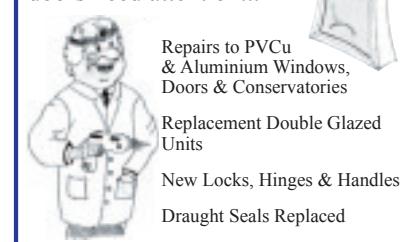
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New Scary Bones book launched in Dorchester

DR RON Dawson is launching the third story in his *Scary Bones* series at Dorchester's Dinosaur Museum today (Wednesday).

Ron and, of course, Scary Bones will be in the museum between 11am and 12 noon to sign copies of *Scary Bones Meets The Dinosaurs Of The Jurassic Coast* and chat about his books. The museum's exhibits will provide some interesting and excellent photo opportunities.

Following on from the success of *Scary Bones The Skeleton Meets The Pirates of Brownsea Island*, this new story is also set in Dorset.

In this adventure Scary Bones, the very strange Red String, Sasha and Ben uncover a hidden doorway in the cliffs at Lulworth and, by going through it, enter a lost world of dinosaurs and argumentative cave men.

They meet an as yet undiscovered dinosaur called Durdle Doorus, escape the attempts by Ziggy and Zaggy, two very bad cavemen, and Tyrone and Albert, the two monster O'Saurus brothers, who all want to eat them for their supper.

With the help of their friends Durdle Doorus, Dippy Ludicrous and Terry Dactil, they eventually escape both from being eaten and the lost world.

Poor Durdle Doorus, however is not so fortunate and the story ends

with a magical myth as to how the famous Durdle Door landmark was created.

As with the previous two adventures, the book comes with a mysterious sealed envelope which should not be opened until the very end of the story.

This unusual feature of the Scary Bones Books is great attraction and incentive to children which are intended for reading to children aged 5/6 years and above and reading themselves by able readers up to the age of 12 years.

The award winning Dinosaur Museum is Britain's original dinosaur museum and the only museum on mainland Britain devoted to dinosaurs.

It features fossils, skeletons, and life-size dinosaur reconstructions

linked with hands on and multimedia displays to inform and entertain.

Sue Bates, former chair of the Federation of Children's Book Groups, who has also reviewed the previous two adventures, made this assessment: "The Scary Bones' adventures are not just good stories, they give magical moments that will last in the memory for ever, and perhaps just a little bit longer."

Both Ron Dawson and Sue Burleigh, the illustrator, live in Dorset.

Besides creating the humorous and appealing illustrations for the series,

Sue is an acknowledged cartoonist and her cartoons have been widely published including in the acclaimed *Punch* magazine.

School offers free concert by potential stars of the future

FINAL YEAR students from the Thomas Hardy School will be performing a special lunchtime concert at Dorset County Museum on Thursday, April 29th and it's free.

Seven students are preparing for their final 'A' Level recitals and the concert is good preparation for them. As some of them are very accomplished musicians, this is a rare opportunity to hear some potential stars of the future in a beautiful local venue.

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The team are pictured by the London Eye before the start of their run with the Dorset Cereals Mini Cooper S in which some of the team travelled to London.

Neigh-bourhood watch

DORSET Police take the opportunity to highlight the work of Dorset Horse Watch, the system for preventing and reducing equine related crime in the county, when SCATS opened their new store in Dorchester (see pages 10 and 11).

Horse Watch is about members of the public working in partnership with Dorset Police.

Those who join the scheme receive information on equine related and other rural crimes, and are given advice on how they can protect themselves from becoming a victim.

Where a need is identified, tack-marking sessions can also be arranged.

Horse owners invest substantial sums of money in the enjoyment of their animals, but more important perhaps is the significant sentimental value which cannot be insured against.

The rural, and often isolated, location of premises where tack is kept makes an easy target for thieves, and those who belong to Horse Watch receive guidance on how best to protect their property and are alerted to potential threats.

Members register to receive alerts from the Dorset Police Community Messaging system, which includes details of equine and other rural crime, as well as crime reduction advice.



PCSO Sarah Hart and Elaine Ryan from Dorset Police bring Dorset Horse Watch to SCATS Countrystores

By Anita Harries

There is also a link through local Horse Watch Co-ordinators, drawn from police officers and staff who have an interest in horses and relate to the needs of equine enthusiasts, and they will act as a local liaison between Dorset Police and members of Horse Watch.

Joining Horse Watch is easy. All you need to do is fill in a Dorset Police Community Messaging

Registration Form, making it clear you wish to join Horse Watch, and return it to your local Horse Watch Co-ordinator.

Top security tips are given to help protect your horses and equipment. Security mark all equipment with your postcode and keep a photograph of anything you own which is unusual or expensive. Keep a note of any serial numbers,

keep tack room windows covered so burglars can't see inside and secure them with iron bars. Check fencing and gates regularly, and have a visible mark on your horse as an effective deterrent. Freeze branding, micro chipping and hoof branding are all useful methods.

Further information on

Horse Watch can be obtained from your Safer Neighbourhood Team or by contacting Dorset Police on 01305 222222.

How do you like them apples?

THE second annual cider competition took place at the Mill House Cider Museum in Owermoigne on Sunday, April 11th.

Budding Cidermakers who used the museum's antique equipment in the autumn to crush and press their apples

had the chance to compare and taste each others homemade ciders.

Museum Manager Penny Whatmoor said: "The 2010 competition went very well.

"We had a larger turnout than last year - and every cider was very drinkable, we were

very impressed with the quality of all these Dorset ciders."

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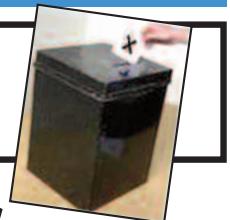
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GENERAL ELECTION 2010

OLIVER LETWIN
Conservative

IN a political career that has spanned 28 years Oliver Letwin, 53, has been Conservative MP for West Dorset since 1997 after holding his seat in the 2005 general election with a majority of 2,461 (4.6 per cent majority) over the Liberal Democrats.

Since his re-election he has been chairman of Policy Review and chairman of the Conservative Research Department. He has also held the posts of Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (May 2005 - Dec 2005), and Shadow Chancellor and Shadow Economic Affairs Secretary (Nov 2003 - May 2005).

From 1983 to 1986, he

The West Dorset candidates

was a member of then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Policy Unit.

Previous to his move to West Dorset he had stood as a candidate in Hampstead and Highgate in 1992, where he came second.

The former merchant

SUE FARRANT
Liberal Democrats

FORMER Mayor of Newbury, Dr Sue Farrant has been an active Liberal Democrat campaigner since 1990. In August 2007, she was selected as PPC for West Dorset Liberal Democrats.

This will be her second

banker, financial adviser and journalist is married to Isabel, and they have twins aged 16 years-old. His constituency home is at Thorncome, where he is a volunteer at the village shop.

Mr Letwin is the son of London School of Eco-

nomics Professor William Letwin, and conservative academic Shirley Letwin. He was educated at Hall School in Hampstead and Eton College, and went on to study at Trinity College, Cambridge, before earning a PhD at the London Business School.

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become the youngest Captain in the British Army.

Since 1988 she has been a management consultant, working mainly in social housing (housing associations, ALMOS and councils) and specialising in performance improvement, training and stakeholder engagement and consultation.

Living in Sherborne she is an active campaigner concentrating on a range of local issues, including adult care, public transport and other essential services.

Dr Farrant volunteers with the Sherborne Over Fifties Forum, running the "Garden Angels" scheme which finds volunteer gardeners for elderly people who need help.

STEVE BICK
Labour

BORN in Weymouth in 1961 Dr Steven Bick will be standing in his first general election as a Labour Parliamentary candidate on May 6th.

Although only selected as PPC for West Dorset in 2007, Steven has been politically active since joining the Labour Party as a 16 year-old in 1977 and was responsible for starting Weymouth's Young Socialists in the same year. He also initialised the Labour Students whilst at university.

Dr Bick attended Wey-

mouth Grammar School, before later qualifying from Birmingham University in 1984 as a doctor. In 1986 he gained a Diploma in Geriatric Medicine and has been a Member of the Royal College of GPs since 1988.

The father of three daughters Dr Bick is currently the Senior Partner at Dorchester Road Surgery, Weymouth (GP).

He has been a member of the British Medical Association since 1984. Medical interests include drug dependency, orthopaedics, minor surgery and training.

Dr Bick is also the doctor for Dorchester Town Football Club and covers boxing matches in the town.

Steve's policy interests are the economy, health service, jobs, and strengthening local communities. His other interests include football as a referee, walking, swimming, gardening and painting.

SUSAN GREENE
Green Party

SUSAN Greene is a well-known character around Sherborne and as a tireless campaigner is hoping to bring her knowledge and passion for environmental issue to her role as parliamentary candidate for the Green Party.

Having lived in the town since 1969, her dedication to the area has seen her hold a position on the town council for the last 15 years. In that time she has led many local campaigns, most recently for affordable housing and for adequate rural public transport. She has also initiated a local renewable energy project.

As a town councillor Mrs Greene is the current chairman of Planning Committee and sits on the outside Bodies of the Rights of Way - Footpath Liaison, Public Transport and Waste Management.

Mrs Greene is a Christian and is standing for the Green Party in West Dorset, as she did in the last general election in 2005.

General Election 2005: West Dorset

Oliver Letwin (Conservative)	24,763
Justine McGuinness (Liberal Democrat)	22,302
Dave Roberts (Labour)	4,124
Linda Guest (UKIP)	1,084
Susan Greene (Green)	952

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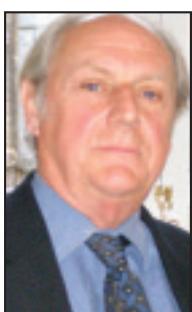
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GENERAL ELECTION 2010

West Dorset candidates



**OLIVER CHISHOLM
UKIP**

DISILLUSIONMENT with the traditional political parties led Sherborne born Oliver Chisholm to run for the UK Independence Party. Educated at Fosters Grammar School, Sherborne. Mr Chisholm has spent most of his working life in West Dorset.

Mr Chisholm served for many years on Sherborne

Town and West Dorset District Councils and was the driving force in the group whose efforts resulted in the Gryphon dual use leisure centre.

He returned to his hometown after working on the Bristol Evening Post as a general reporter and has been the racing correspondent for Thomson News-papers.

He has also written a syndicated daily column in

the Cardiff Western Mail, Newcastle Journal and Aberdeen Press and Journal. He won three national awards during the 1970s.

Married with two grown up daughters and a son, Mr Chisholm now lives in Osborne has been involved in several local businesses.

He has decided to stand in this General Election after becoming disillusioned with the three traditional parties following the



Conservatives decision to join other parties in renegotiating on the promise of a referendum on Europe.

Mr Chisholm wants to review the benefits system, cut wasteful red tape in the health service, education and policing, repatriate our territorial fishing waters and open competitive trading with the world.

Candidates debate human rights and the Three Cups!

By James Coles

ALL five general election candidates for the West Dorset constituency took part in a special meeting, organised by the local branch of human rights organisation Amnesty International on Tuesday of last week.

In what was quite a coup for the Lyme Amnesty group, there was standing room only in Lyme Regis' Church Hall as the five candidates expressed their opinions – and their party's – on the many issues discussed known.

Local Amnesty International secretary Chris Boothroyd opened the evening's proceedings, asking that all speakers were listened to with respect and that questions were kept pertinent to the subject of human rights.

The candidates - Oliver Letwin (Conservative), Sue Farrant (Liberal Democrat), Steve Bick (Labour), Oliver Chisholm (UKIP) and Sue Greene (Green) – made opening speeches in which they were asked to make it clear whether they supported the

work of Amnesty.

Labour's Steve Bick declared he was a "strong believer in human rights" and the United Kingdom was "probably one of the freest countries in the world." He also praised Amnesty for the international "support it gives to oppressed people."

Oliver Chisholm (UKIP) was more political in his outlook. He argued that the UK's continual involvement with the EU could lead to the implementation of the inquisitorial legal system and the Napoleonic Code – as used in France – and that the EU's streamlining of the extradition process was "open to abuse."

The Liberal Democrats' Sue Farrant took an anecdotal approach to her introduction. She told the story of how watching Richard Attenborough's 1987 film *Cry Freedom*, set in apartheid era South Africa, led her to join

Amnesty. She quoted the group's motto, "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness," and maligned the fact that most people in this country were more concerned with the "welfare of animals than protecting the rights of human beings."

Sue Greene (very aptly of the Green Party) introduced herself by saying she'd rather talk about Green policies than tell stories. She made her feelings known by showing off her t-shirt bearing the words 'Fight World Poverty' and made a case for proportional representation.

Abused

The Conservatives' Oliver Letwin declared "we're lucky that we live in a free society" but that it's "not as open and shut case as it should be." He spoke out against the idea of ID cards and was saddened how laws passed in the name of the "war on ter-

ror" have been abused.

After the opening salvos, the panel took questions that had been submitted prior to the start of the meeting.

This was, as secretary Chris Boothroyd explained, so answers could be "considered and thoughtful rather than impulsive."

Questions included whether the candidates were prepared to stand up for the rights of Palestinians, how they would improve the situation asylum seekers face in the UK, and how their respective parties would eradicate world poverty.

The opening question from the audience asked what the candidates' respective parties would do to stop arms sales to oppressive regimes.

Sue Farrant (Lib Dem) said that rules must be tightened up and that this was one of the "key Liberal Democrat policies." She went on to say that sales to Israel should be put on hold until the end of the Gaza blockade, and

Steve Bick said the matter of what to do with the hotel should be "put to the people of Lyme," while Oliver Chisholm said it was a "tragedy" that the hotel has been left to "decay to the extent that it has."

Sue Farrant said she couldn't support West Dorset District Council on its decision not to enforce compulsory purchase; Oliver Letwin agreed, "admiring" the member of the audience on bringing up the subject under the banner of human rights.

All five candidates will be hoping their performance on the night will have earned them votes from the Lyme Regis electorate in attendance.

A brief talk on the regular events the Lyme Amnesty group organises was given at the end of the question and answer session.

Audience members were asked to make a donation to the charity on their way out of the meeting.



◆ THE five candidates for the West Dorset constituency in the forthcoming general election - Oliver Letwin (Conservative), Steve Bick (Labour), Sue Greene (Green), Oliver Chisholm (UKIP) and Sue Farrant (Liberal Democrat) - pictured at the Amnesty International debate at Lyme Regis last week



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Police help fundraisers hitch for heroes

DORCHESTER Police have helped a team of fundraisers from Portland Young Offenders Institute on their mission to "hitch for heroes" as they passed through the county town.

Staff at Portland Young Offenders Institute came together to organise a fundraiser with a difference to raise money for the charity Help for Heroes.

Eleven teams of four people arrived at Dartmoor Prison on Friday evening of last week, the starting point for their madcap antics.

Each team had 48 hours to make their way back to the finishing point, the Wyke Smugglers pub, by any legal means of transport. This did lead to the event being unofficially called "Hitch for Heroes".

With the weather on their side the team from the security department made good use of their connections to bring them back to Dorset. Graham Stretch, Eddie Waring, Mike Baker and Paul Crossey made their

By Anita Harries

way to the Taunton Deane services by hitching a lift with a Reliance van.

Their journey continued from the services to the town of Wootton Bassett courtesy of another security firm, Group 4. Friday night was spent camping in the back garden of a local pub.

Team member Eddie Waring said: "The people of Wootton Bassett were incredibly friendly and welcoming and we met with a tremendous response to our fund raising efforts."

"They have opened their hearts to our servicemen and were very supportive of our campaign to collect money for the Help for Heroes charity."

Saturday morning saw the intrepid crew picked up from Wootton Bassett by Group 4, and they made their way to RAF Lyneham where once again the hospitality they re-

ceived was second to none.

Back with Group 4 they were transported to Salisbury railway station where they persuaded a friendly guard to allow them free travel to Southampton.

A change of train and another friendly guard saw them travel first class to Wool, followed by a walk to Bovington Army Camp with stops at Dorchester Police Station and Dorchester Tesco.

On reaching their final destination, the four travellers were due to meet up with the other teams for a barbecue, a few beers, and an afternoon of first class entertainment.

This one team alone had raised in excess of £1,500 before the event began, and they are very much hoping the final sum will be well over £2,500 with donations received along the way.



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■ SOME of the Tesco ladies team ready for action

IT is fast approaching the time of year when hundreds of women descend on Kingston Maurward, many in fancy dress, to take part in the Cancer Research UK Race For Life.

This is now the UK's largest women only fundraising event, and to date over four million women have raised over £327 million for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work.

Since its inaugural event in 1994 women of all ages and fitness levels across the country have come together to walk, jog or run five kilometres to help in the fight against cancer.

This year over 230 races are taking place across the UK between the months of May and July, with the one at Kingston Maurward taking place on Sunday, May 23rd at 11am.

This really is an amazing spectacle to behold. Everyone from grannies to grandchildren come together to have fun and raise a great deal of money for an incredibly worthwhile cause.

The heat is on for young chef

A DORCHESTER schoolgirl will be turning up the heat this week in the final of the Rotary Young Chef of the Year.

Stephanie Jones, 16, is set to win a holiday in Italy with £250 spending money and a days work experience at a Michelin star restaurant.

Stephanie will join seven other budding young chefs in the final, which takes place this Saturday in West Sussex.

The finalists have been challenged to cook a healthy three-course meal for two people in two hours with a budget of just £14.

Stephanie, from the Thomas Hardy School, beat tough competition across Dorset and is now being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Casterbridge Dorchester for the final.

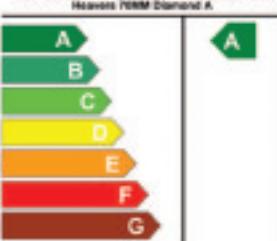
The victorious chef will win a trip for two to Tuscany to visit Filippo Berio's amazing olive groves and sample the delights of Italian cuisine, as well as be treated to a one-day cookery session alongside Michelin starred Phil Thompson at Auberge Du Lac in Hertfordshire.

Executive Chef Phil Thompson worked alongside Marco Pierre White at The Oak Room and took over at Auberge from Jean-Christophe Novelli.

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Busy week for staff of new



MAYOR of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford, prepares to cut the ribbon



SUE Tolley gives guests a tour of the new flagship store

LEADING country lifestyle brand, SCATS Countrystores, opened its bigger and better store in Dorchester with a ribbon cutting ceremony performed by Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford.

Following a cry by Dorchester's Town Crier Alistair Chisholm, a toast to this new enterprise was made by staff, customers and representatives from Mole Valley

By Anita Harries

Farmers, the owners of SCATS.

ownership with Mole Valley Farmers.

The store has gone full circle, from being a farmer owned co-operative as South Western Farmers, through a rescue package by the private sector in the form of first Blandford and Webb and then Batchelor Farm Supplies, and back to safe farmer co-operative

Mole Valley Farmers, said: "This impressive new enterprise will be the flagship of SCATS Countrystores, and the store itself contains many new innovations we are trialling in Dorchester."

"We have been impressed with the progress made over the last seven years and have every confidence this will continue."

David Burke, Chairman

Sue Tolley, manager of the Dorchester branch



ALISTAIR Chisholm joins manager Sue Tolley and some of her staff

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"Mole Valley Farmers recognised the tremendous potential we have shown and rewarded us with this amazing transformation. I have no doubt this will become a thriving flagship store and I am incredibly proud to be part of the team."

The new look SCATS store has tripled in size and features hugely extended ranges. These include a dedicated farm services area, a brand new regional food and drink department, and much needed extra car parking.

Following customer feedback the extended store has been designed around their needs and caters specifically for the strong farming, equine and rural community in and around the county town.

A major new feature, and a first for SCATS Countrystores, is a dedicated Mole Valley Farmers Farm Services area in the centre of the store where agricultural customers can discuss their needs with specialist advisors in an open plan office environment. Linked to this is a state of the art animal health dispensary for farm, equine and pet medicines.



KIRSTIE ALLSOPP enjoys the fine weather

supplied by Genesis Farmers. Tea, coffee and squash were also free, with donations going to the Margaret Green Animal Rescue Centre.

As well as having ample time to wander around the spacious new store, customers were able to enjoy regional food and drink tastings from local Dorset suppliers, including wine, cheese and sausages. There was a complimentary hog roast run by Posh Pigs with the pork

the chance to enter a free draw to win a Tobago garden furniture set.

One of the highlights of the day were two performances by Kath Hardman and her dancing dog Spice, International Winner of the Crufts Freestyle class.

Kath was also on hand to give help and advice on dog training and introduce some of her other dogs to the crowd.

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Kath Hardman with Amber

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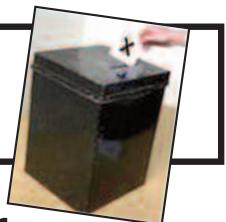


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GENERAL ELECTION 2010



Candidates debate climate in Dorchester

LAST Friday night four of the five West Dorset candidates in the forthcoming general election took part in a 'Climate Question Time' event in Dorchester.

Despite being up against the Comedy Night at the Corn Exchange, an audience of 150 filled the Thomas Hardy School Sixth Form Centre to demonstrate the high priority given to the issue of climate change by local voters.

The audience enjoyed the sight of the candidates vying to be 'the greenest of them all'.

The event was organised by Dorchester and Weymouth Greenpeace on behalf of the 'Ask the Climate Question' alliance of WWF, Christian Aid, RSPB, Greenpeace, Oxfam, CAFOD, Tearfund and others.

All the candidates agreed that tackling climate change presents humanity with a difficult and immediate challenge but also with a great opportunity to work towards a fairer, less polluted world.

All the candidates wanted to see a low carbon economy developed rapidly in the UK, which will mean taking new approaches to transport and energy.

Business and community were seen as having key roles alongside government.

The panel consisted of Steve Bick (Labour), Sue Farrant (Liberal Democrat), Susan Greene (Green Party) and Oliver Letwin (Conservative).

UKIP's Oliver Chisholm had to cancel for personal reasons but will be at the 'Churches Together' hustings next

Thursday.

The main rivals for the West Dorset seat, Sue Farrant and Oliver Letwin, displayed a complete mastery of the issues and expressed their determination to move from talk to strong action in the next parliament.

The question 'Does it make sense that it costs less to fly or drive to Edinburgh than to go by train?' clearly touched a nerve with the audience and drew enthusiastic commitments for investment in rail and control of aviation expansion from all the candidates.

Various forms of this question had come up frequently in the street when Dorchester Greenpeace was out on the streets of Dorchester and Bridport over the last fortnight.

Candidates showed that they have been

moved by the impact that climate change is already having on the lives of people in many developing countries.

They felt that we have a moral responsibility to play a strong part in finding global solutions.

The debate livened up and began to show the differences between the parties when it came to the role of nuclear energy in our future energy mix.

There were interjections from the audience and even a personal departure from the party line.

When we are so fortunate to have the clean energy resources of sun, wind, wave and tide available to us in Dorset the controversial question as to why a palm oil power plant has been approved for Portland was bound to be raised.

Three candidates ex-

pressed clear opposition and Oliver Letwin expressed an interest in finding out more about

the sourcing of the fuel before taking a position.

Alistair Chisholm chaired the meeting

firmly with his usual flair.

In this constituency Greenpeace was the

local lead group for the alliance.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the local group contact irene@is-tatham.me.uk



■ TACKLING THE CLIMATE QUESTION: Parliamentary candidates (from left to right) Sue Greene (Green), Sue Farrant (Lib Dem), Steve Bick (Labour) and Oliver Letwin (Conservative)

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With the skate park almost celebrating its first birthday, there are a few improvements still to be made including installing benches.

Dorchester BID has funds available to provide benches for the area and is desperately looking for a local engineering firm to produce them.

BID project director Phil Gordon said: "I am really hoping we can spend the money with a local firm rather than buy something from up north or even abroad. Wherever possible I would favour spending money locally to stimulate local business."

By Anita Harries

If any company feels they can help they should contact Phil by writing to: The Dorchester BID Company, 2nd Floor, 49 High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1UT.

■ DORCHESTER BID also has plans to place an order for some 20 plus cycle racks for distribution around the town.

Match funding has been secured from the West Dorset Partnership, the Dorset Strategic Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.



■ SKATE boarders, short of benches, have to sit on one another to rest

Dining by candlelight at the Engine Room

THE Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre invited local businesses, friends and residents to the launch of their adventurous new project – Candles at the Engine Room, dining from dusk.

Guests were invited to taste a variety of miniature dishes from the new evening menu.

Tasters included beef Wellington made with locally reared beef, slow cooked pork belly with bubble and squeak and roasted apples, and some divine desserts made with white chocolate and rich Dorset cream.

Chef Paul Jon Swinler has sourced local flavours to create this new, mouth watering menu, matched by an interesting wine list recommended by Jonathan from Dorset Wines.

Over 500 canapes had been prepared for the launch party and went down incredibly well with the guests.

James Foster-Pegg aims to create a relaxed, warm, informal and intimate atmosphere for diners, opening on a Friday and a Saturday evening and using candles to enhance the wonderful surroundings of the Engine Room. "Our lunchtime menus are so successful and we have become such a popular

venue for diners, we took the decision to open two evenings a week.

"Customers have requested this so often, complimenting us on the wonderful building and great atmosphere, so we agreed to put on a special menu for Friday and Saturday evenings.

Everyone agreed this was a culinary experience of the highest order, in-

cluding Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford.

Another addition to the daily menu is the full English Breakfast, or "square breakfast" in homage to Queen Mother Square under construction on land opposite the Garden Centre.



■ MAYOR of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford, toasts the success of the new menu with chef Paul Jon Swinler and James Foster Pegg

Summertime Nursery Correction

The picture caption on last weeks report of Starlight Childcare's Holding Hands for Haiti fundraiser was incorrect.

Although Starlight organised the event the picture actually featured Summertime Nursery who also attended.

Birthday party for skate park

A COMMUNITY event has been organised to celebrate Dorchester Skate Park's first birthday.

The Skate Jam event will take place on April 24th at the Dorchester Skate Park on Weymouth Avenue.

Dorchester Skate Park committee, who have organised the event, have managed to gain national support and sponsorship for the day.

Maverick, the company who built the Skate Park, will be there as well as Monster, Vans, Duff and We Are Level, all of whom are bringing teams of Skateboarders and BMX riders to do displays on the day.

In addition these companies have provided some great sponsorship and there will be lots of prizes including £50 for the best tricks in different age groups.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to come along and join in – under nines must bring an adult to register them and all participants are expected to wear helmets and other suitable safety gear.

Further support has also come from Deluxe BMX

who have provided one of their own excellent BMX bikes as first prize for the raffle.

In addition to the Skate Jam there will be a whole host of other activities taking place on the day including a climbing wall, bouncy castle, crazy cycle circus, graffiti workshop, Scalextric and some great craft activities also.

And the whole day will be completely free.

Emma Scott, Community Development Officer at West Dorset District Council said: "I am really impressed by the amount of great help this event has been given from the people who have organised it and those who are running activities and stalls on the day.

"The business support and sponsorship we have had has been outstanding and the range of things to do on the day will make this a really top quality day appealing to people of all ages."

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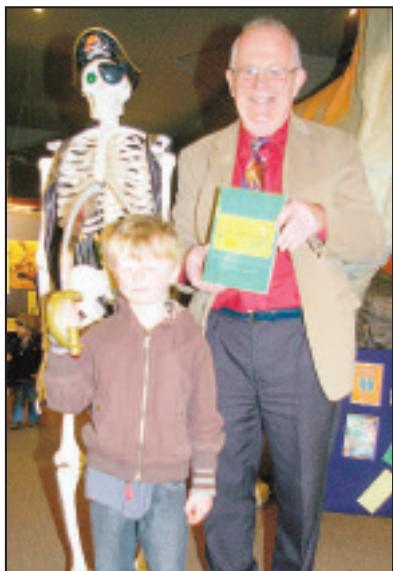


Scary bones at the dinosaur museum

By Anita Harries

CHILDREN'S author, Doctor Ron Dawson chose Dorchester's award winning Dinosaur Museum to host the launch of his third book in the "Scary Bones the Skeleton" series.

The author, accompanied by Scary Bones, spent time in the mu-



■ SIX-year-old Joseph meets Scary Bones and his creator Ron Dawson

seum chatting to visitors and signing copies of his latest book "Scary Bones Meets the Dinosaurs of the Jurassic Coast".

Set against the stunning background of the Jurassic Coast, it tells the story of Scary

Bones and his adventures with Red String, Ben and Sasha. A hidden doorway is discovered in the cliffs at Lulworth, and by going through it the four intrepid heroes find themselves in a lost world of dinosaurs and argumentative cavemen.

The characters in the book have wonderful names, the kind that appeal to children. A previously unknown dinosaur called Durdle Doorus, two naughty cavemen with the delightful names Ziggy and Zoggy, the monster O'Saurus brothers Tyrone and Albert, and the appropriately titled Dippy Ludicrous and Terry Dactil all create a mythical tale of magical moments so enthralling to a young audience.

And as with his previous books, this one also comes with a sealed envelope which should not be opened until the very end of the story.

Dr Dawson is always keen to seek as much feedback as possible when preparing a book for publication. Pupils

and teachers in a number of schools read the book and give their opinions on the story.

He said: "The comments made by the children especially are very much taken on board and their suggestions given careful consideration."

"I keep all the letters I receive, along with the lovely pictures they draw, as a reminder of how much they so obviously enjoy reading the stories."

The Scary Bones books are illustrated by talented cartoonist Sue Burleigh who works as a full time staff nurse in the minor injuries unit at Blandford Hospital. Besides creating the pictures for Dr Dawson's books, she is an acknowledged cartoonist and her cartoons have been widely published in acclaimed magazines such as "Punch".

The books can be purchased from National Trust shops and the Dinosaur Museum in Dorchester as well as some book stores.

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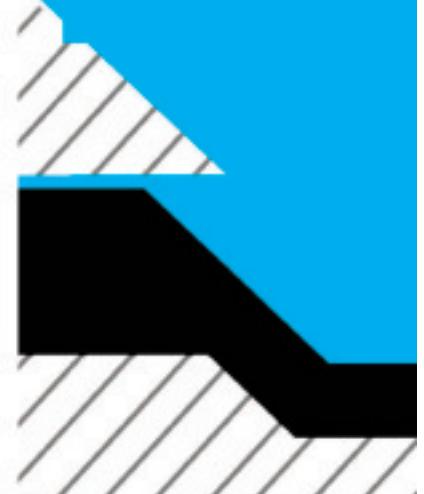
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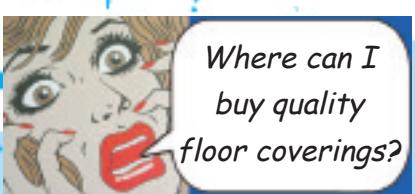
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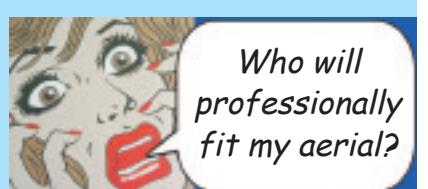
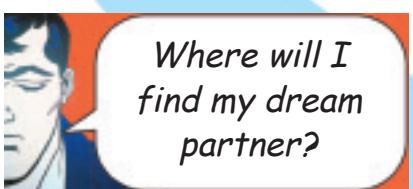
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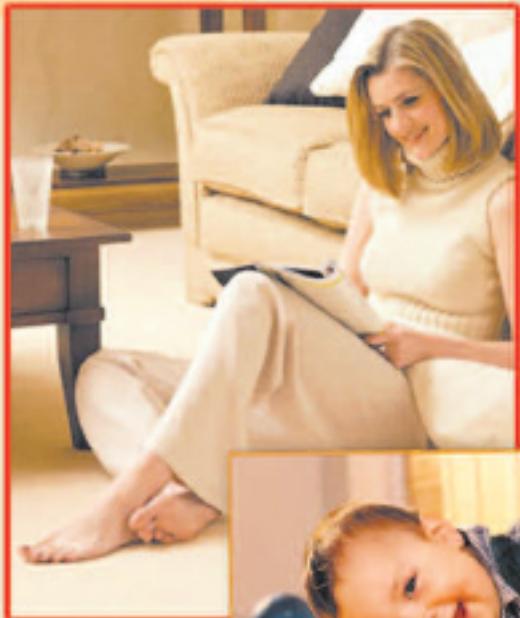
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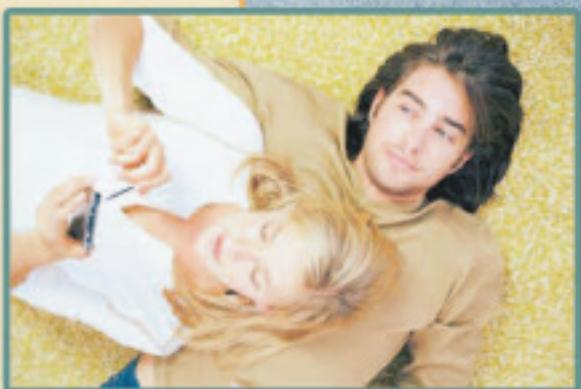


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Finally, gardens are to be enjoyed and it

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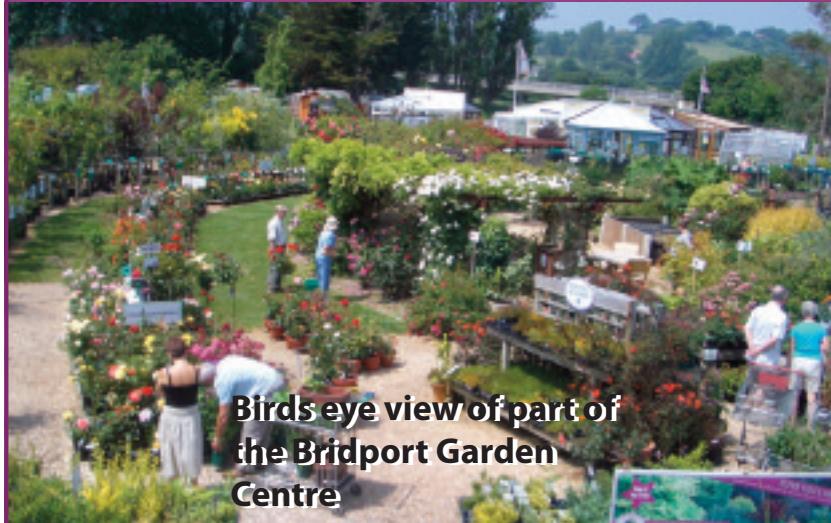
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Now the sun is shining, it will be great to get out in the garden once the weather lets us. A stroll around your plot will soon reveal some of the tasks that need to be tackled over the coming months. The clocks going forward an hour has allowed for a little to be done in the evenings and the time should be spent giving the lawn a cut and removing some of the weeds which seemed to have popped up almost over night. But with all that needs to be done, do take some time out to enjoy some of this month's garden treasures like camellias, magnolias, pieris and forsythia along with early pansies, primroses and polyanthus, tulips and fritillaries are looking good too. So read on and have a good month in the garden and we'll talk again next month.

Sowing & Hoeing, Feeding & Weeding

BEDS & BORDERS
In the shrub border, prune spiraea hard to encourage new growth. Its the new growth that will carry flowers. When you have pruned it, it should resemble a hedgehog. Heathers that have finished flowering should be cut back.

Roses should be given a feed using 'Toprose', this can also be used to feed many other flowering trees and shrubs. Hardier annuals such as clarkia, calendula, ageratum, aster, godetia and pansies can be sown directly into the flower border but don't forget to lightly scatter some slug pellets to protect the emerging seedlings. Hoe weeds regularly

to keep them under control, spray deep rooted weeds like dandelions with 'Weedol Rotkill Plus' ready to use weed gun.



Topical Tip
Even out the availability of vegetables by sowing in succession. 'Little and often' is the key, particularly in the case of fast growing salads like radish and lettuce, and others such as beetroot which have a limited storage life.

RSB Birdwatch

Small garden birds have been seriously hit by last winter's cold weather - that's the findings of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. More than half a million people took part in spotting and recording more than 8.5 million garden birds over the last weekend in January. The Long-tailed tit would seem to have suffered the most, with numbers declining 27% year on year. The

house sparrow, whilst still the most spotted bird in the garden is also on the decline with numbers down 17% over the last 5 years and 66% down on the last 30 years. Please keep feeding wild birds as their natural food supply is dwindling and they are increasingly relying on us for their survival.

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Topical Tip
After sowing or prickling out seedlings, the compost in pots and seed trays should be watered with 'Bayer Cheshunt Compound' to prevent



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Spuds & Onions

THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PLOT - In the vegetable garden, plant seed potatoes if you haven't already done so along with onion sets and shallots. Late summer cauliflower, maincrop carrots and purple sprouting broccoli

can all be sown now. Many herbs can also be sown this month, and these include dill, fennel, marjoram and thyme. Parsley sown now will benefit from being drenched with boiling water to break the seed and speed up germination, but do be careful with the water. Young seedlings should be covered over with fleece if frost is forecast. Fruit plants should be protected with a regular spraying programme from bud burst right through the season to see off pests which plague them. Check gooseberries for mildew and spray at the first sign of

attack, use 'Bayer Sythiane Fungolide'. Net bush fruits like currants to stop birds stripping the buds. Pull long stems of forced rhubarb and cover other crowns to encourage earlier crops. Prune fan-trained plums, peaches, cherries and nectarines.

In the Greenhouse

Sowing and planting should be in full swing during April with tender bedding waiting for the warmer days later in the month. The warmer days will bring

a dramatic rise in temperature in the greenhouse and you may need to put on some shading to protect your plants.

On hotter days damping down will provide great benefits by increasing humidity and reducing evaporation from the leaves. It can also deter early colonies of 'Red Spider Mite'. Watch out for whitefly and hang up sticky Greenhouse Whitefly Traps at the

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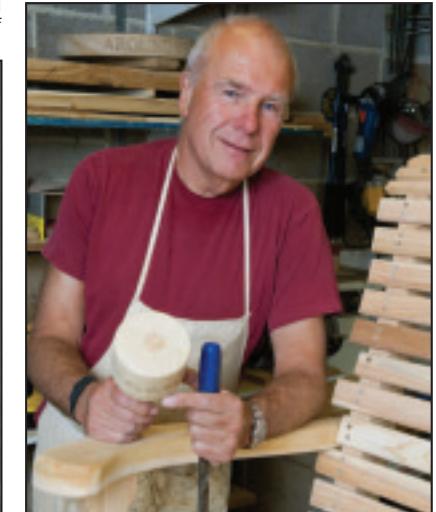
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SUSPENDED at the top of the curtain at Bridport's Palace Theatre in a dress and heavy make up Dave Swaffield found himself in a familiar role as the pantomime dame. A quick slip of the rope and Dave had fallen 20 feet to the stage, met with rapturous applause and laughter from the audience.

A little bruised Dave jumped to his feet, dusted himself down and completed the performance.

"Normally you'd think about it but as the old saying goes 'the show must go on,'" he recalled.

"I had a few bruises and I was a bit sore but I didn't break anything, people probably thought it was part of the act but I certainly knew it wasn't."

Inspired by a performance at Weymouth's Ritz Theatre, aged nine, Dave began to learn his craft and at 12-years-old he performed his first tap solo to the tune of "Tip-toe Through the Tulips".

Dave is the first to admit that his singing

DAVE Swaffield has been involved with local theatre since he was a child. Playing in drama, farce, musical theatre and restoration comedy, Dave has been a consistent name in theatre programmes across the county. However it was in his roles as the pantomime dame in which Dave really excelled regularly stealing the show.

In recent years Dave became a founder member of Bridport Musical Theatre Company and has found success as a director. His first two shows "The Boyfriend" and "Anything Goes" were a sell out success and received universally positive reviews.

The company last week performed their showcase production "Show-stoppers" at the Bridport Arts Centre which again was a sell out. This summer Dave will once again fill the director's chair as he takes on the challenge of producing "42nd Street".

voice and physical

stature held him back

when it came to landing a lead role, but he was happy to entertain the audiences with the well-crafted cameo role.

What Dave lacked in his singing voice he more than made up for with his comedic talent and despite not having the stature of a leading man, he had no worries about commanding the stage.

Dave found his calling in pantomime and for many he will be remembered as the perfect dame.

"I did a lot of pantomime because I think that is the finest training ground that anybody can

have," he said.

"If you look at a lot of your musical stars they all started in pantomime because you learn craft, techniques and how to characterize. I think it's a good foundation to go on to musical theatre."

"People think playing the dame is easy but it's not just a case of putting women's clothing on, there is a bit more to that. You are not doing a drag act, you have got to have good contact with the audience and again it's good training because you learn to time your audience and listen for reaction."

"Then when you're playing a part, you know

when to go in and when to pull back a bit."

Despite wanting to

tread the boards from a young age Dave never dreamt of fame and was

more than happy to just

be on the stage where he

got the thrill he needed as

an exhibitionist.

"At school I was always the comedian and I remember my headmaster saying when I left school, 'Swaffield you're going to get nowhere, and maybe he was right, I don't know,'" he joked.

"I never took the step to try and make it professionally, I was quite happy to do it at the level I was at, I think it was the adrenalin rush. There is not much in the world today to give you an adrenalin rush but theatre, especially if you are playing a main part, definitely does and I can't compare it to anything."

Looking back at his youth Dave wonders whether he did have what it took to make the move professionally but it is never with regret.

"I didn't ever want to become famous. My dream was to do what I have done basically and end up directing, although I haven't given up entirely thinking about taking roles."

"I'm enjoying directing and that was one of my aims. I have directed, although I say it myself, two very successful shows with the help of a very talented team and I'm doing what I dreamt of really."

After attending a summer school on directing musicals at Loughborough University Dave went on to produce his first show in 2008.

"The Boyfriend" was a sell-out production, which received rave reviews from both the local media and the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. A feat he repeated with "Anything Goes" in 2009.

Although relatively new to the world of directing Dave thinks he has identified some keys to his success.

"I think a director has to be a director and not a

dictator," he explained.

"I feel that he has got to let the actors and actresses he is working with see how they interpret the part and then suggest, and I emphasise suggest, putting little things in to shape them round to how you see it."

"I think you can go in heavy but many times you find that actors have seen it differently to you so you have always got to be on the same wavelength as your actors and not above them as a dictator."

"I enjoy working with young people and I think they bring a big energy to a show and it's something you can't explain because that energy gets across to the audience. In our last show "Anything Goes" we got a standing ovation on the final night and that is quite something in Bridport."

"As a debut director with a reputation as a performer Dave had concerns when taking on the challenge of directing but he was confident in the people

around him.

He said: "I knew there was something there that was special because I had an excellent team around me with Becky Mather as the choreographer, Murray Davis as the musical director, Brenda and Mel on the costumes. I knew the team was good and the cast was excellent so there were good ingredients for a successful show."

Dave had complete confidence in his production team and cast, and being out of the stage spotlight at least should mean little nerves for such a seasoned stage performer, but Dave insists that wasn't the case.

"I get double, treble, quadruple nervous before a show as a director because I'm nervous for all of them, not just myself," he said.

"It is a big responsibility because you are putting all these people up on stage and if you haven't got it right then you are not being fair to the performers so you

have got to give it your best."

"It was so nice to see them being applauded like they were because they were great, they were all great."

"I'm quite an emotional person really and I shed a tear when I saw them get that standing ovation."

With two successful shows under his belt and a third in the pipeline Dave's directing career is going strong. Couple that with the fact that he has not been on stage himself for five years and you have to wonder if Dave's days as a performer are over.

He insists they aren't and is quite clear that there is one part that he will not be watching from the director's chair.

"There is one role that I desire and I am a great fan of his and that is Joel Grey and I would dearly love to play MC in cabaret" he revealed.

"I wouldn't be able to direct it of course but that is an ambition I've got left."

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He was defeated by the King's army in less than a month. Around 1300 were taken prisoner. Five Judges came to Dorchester with the infamous Judge Jeffreys, whose reputation was that of the 'hanging judge'.

In September 1685, 312 cases were heard in the Oakroom at the rear of the Antelope Hotel; of these 292 were sentenced to death. Only 74 were executed, with 175 transported, 9 were fined or whipped and 54 were discharged.

Judge Jeffreys – having his eye on promotion – was later made Lord Chancellor.

When King James fell and William of Orange landed in Torbay, Jeffreys was captured and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He died in 1689 while awaiting trial, probably of natural causes. Rumours at the time said he has been poisoned while in the Tower and that his body had been returned to Dorchester and walled up in the Courtroom – now the Oakroom.

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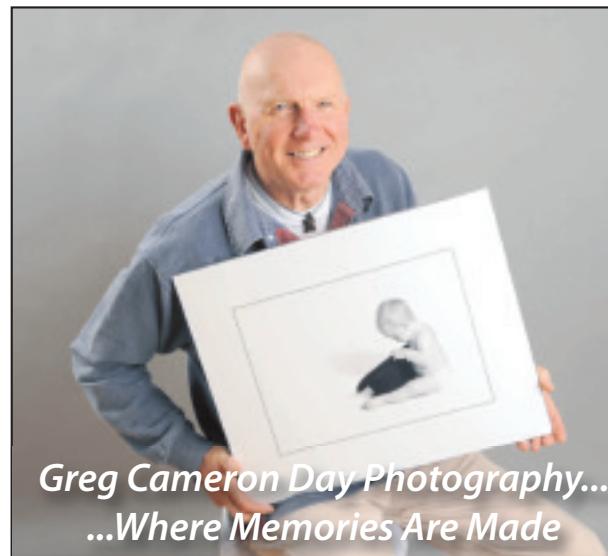
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Greg Cameron Day has won numerous awards for his photography including the national titles of Under Five, Wedding and Pet Portrait Photographer of the Year.

In addition to the main prize, 20 runners-up prizes of £25 Shopping Vouchers will also be awarded on a quarterly basis (80 in total).

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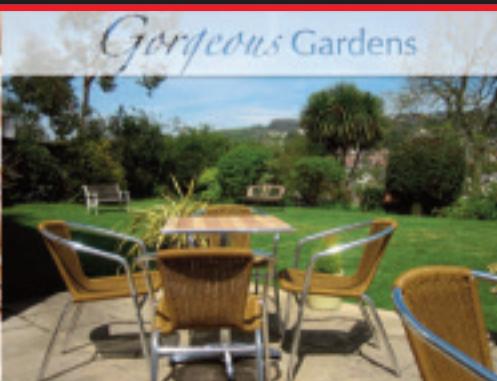
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View 2 Music

Festival countdown - Part III

THIS is the third and final week of our preview of this summer's big music festivals. Regular readers be assured - next time, normal service will be resumed!

One of the more local highlights of the August festival calendar is the **Glastonbury Extravaganza**. Not to be confused with the Glastonbury Festival, this event offers two nights of great music in the ruins of the town's abbey.

Madness play on Saturday, August 7th with support from **Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel**, whilst a classical night on Sunday, August 8th is headlined by the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**. Tickets are £30 in advance (£35 on the gate) for each night. More information is available at www.glastonburyextravaganza.com. And don't even think about pitching a tent in the grounds of the abbey!

But if you do want a festival you can camp at that weekend, the **Big Chill Festival** (August 5th-8th) takes place at Eastnor Castle Deer Park in Herefordshire and includes the likes of **Massive Attack, Zero 7 and Kelis** on the bill. Tickets are £155 and you can find out more at www.bigchill.net

The following weekend (August 13th-15th) sees the **Summer Sundae Weekender** takes place at De Montfort Hall in Leicester. This is the tenth year for the festival and acts for 2010 include **The Futureheads, Tinchy Stryder and Mumford & Sons**. Tickets are £105 and can be booked at www.summersundae.com

The **Beautiful Days** festival at Escot Park, near Ottery St Mary, is on the next weekend (August 20th-22nd). **James, The Wailers, Newton Faulkner** and regulars **The Levellers** are all confirmed. Weekend tickets are £100 (with camping) and concessions are available. More information can be had at www.beautifuldays.org

The **Green Man Festival** in the Brecon Beacons takes place at the same time. Headliners include **Doves, The Flaming Lips and Joanna Newsom** and tickets are £120 (again, there are discounts for students and teenagers). Find out more at: www.greenman.net

The two-day **V Festival** is on August 21st and 22nd. Taking place on two sites - in Chelmsford and Staffordshire respectively - the acts swap round after the first day. **Kings Of Leon, Kasabian, David Guetta, The Prodigy, Cheryl Cole and the Pet Shop Boys** are amongst the headliners of the festival's four stages. Tickets have sold out but you can still visit www.vfestival.com to find out more, and go to eBay if you just can't miss out!

Another twin site event is the **Reading / Leeds Festival** (August 27th-29th). Again, tickets sold out very quickly... eBay is your only option for this one. Headliners include **Guns 'n' Roses, Arcade Fire and Blink 182**. There's also a very special reunion performance from the **The Libertines**. Go www.readingfestival.com or www.leedsfestival.com for more info.

The same weekend you also have a choice of two dance festivals; one an old favourite, the other brand spanking new.

Creamfields (August 28th & 29th) in Cheshire has been going since 1998 and tickets for this huge multi-stage event are £100 (day tickets also available). Find out more at www.creamfields.com

Making its debut is the **London Electronic Dance Festival** (or L.E.D. for short) in Victoria Park. Unsurprisingly, no camping is available at this urban based events. Tickets are currently available at 'earlybird' prices: £37.50 for each night or £65 for the whole weekend. Visit www.ledfestival.net for more details.

Finally, if you fancy braving the near autumnal weather, the Isle of Wight's second big festival of the year, **Bestival**, takes place from September 9th-12th. The popular four-day event this year boasts the likes of **Roxy Music, The Prodigy, Dizzee Rascal, Hot Chip and The Flaming Lips**. Tickets are £150 each (concessions available) but don't forget you'll also need to book your ferry crossing too! You can book at www.bestival.net

That brings our massive preview to an end. If you didn't come across a festival you liked the sound of, well, maybe pop music's not really your sort of thing? But you might be more interested in next week's column, all about my recent trip to - you guessed it - the opera! Until then...

by James Coles



BACK TOGETHER AGAIN | The Libertines are reforming for two very special performances at this year's Leeds and Reading Festivals

Music takes centre stage now for Ade

ADRIAN Edmondson is best known as a comedian for his work in *The Young Ones*, *Bottom*, and *The Comic Strip Presents*. Despite this he is no stranger to the music world having played the Monsters of Rock and Reading Festivals with Bad News, the Hootenanny with Jools Holland, Hyde Park with The Who, and he's toured with The Bonzo Dog Doo-dah Band. He's also had a No 1 single with Cliff Richard and as a director he made lots of music videos in the 80's for the likes of The Pogues, Squeeze, Elvis Costello and 10,000 Maniacs.

Next month Adrian Edmondson will play at Bridport's Electric Palace with his band the Bad Shepherds. The Bad Shepherds play punk songs on folk instruments covering The Sex Pistols, The Clash, The Stranglers, The Jam, Sham 69, The Undertones, The Buzzcocks, The Ramones, The Specials, Talking Heads, Squeeze and many more.

Adrian spoke to View from reporter TOM GLOVER this week about how the band came about, what his punk hero would think of his new sound and what this all means for his comedy career.

Adrian Edmondson and the Bad Shepherd will be playing at the Electric Palace on Saturday, May 8th.

How did the band come about?

It was a bit of an accident, I acquired a Mandolin and got one of those dreadful tutors 'How to play the Mandolin' and it was so boring and so I just worked out a few chords and started playing songs I really liked on it and it sounded very interesting to me. I was working with Neil Innes at the time from the Bonzos and he said what you need is *** hot white folk musicians so I went and found some and it kind of worked.

I spoke to Troy (Donockley) who plays our pipes, I didn't really know him I just sort of rang him up out of the blue and said hello this is Adrian Edmondson that *** off the telly and I've got this idea for playing punk songs on folk instruments. The phone went dead for about five seconds and then he said that's **** genius.

What can people expect to see?

Exactly what it says on the tin, punk songs on folk instruments. I like the noise of folk instruments. It's just a kind of ancient noise that hits you deep in your spirit but I don't really like folk songs, I find them all a bit boring. They are all about blacksmiths and jolly jack tar. The punk songs I find a lot more relevant. They're really like folk songs they are just kind of modern. They are still protest songs, they're still social commentary, they're still ballads, some of them.

Does your stage persona take much from your punk days as Vyvyan in *The Young Ones*?

Not really. Vyvyan is based on me when I'm drunk and sometimes I get a bit drunk but I don't go around smashing my head into things because that hurts.

You're a big Johnny Rotten fan, would he approve of what you are doing with the music?

I think he would actually yeah. I know he is a closet folk fan. Troy used to be in a band with Maddy Prior of Steeleye Span, and they were in the same airport once and he ran across an airport lounge to kneel at her feet and pay tribute. He's got a lot of Irish in him old Johnny Rotten. We do a song by Public Image Limited called Rise, which is full of old Irish sayings, he's a folk songwriter really.

Was becoming a rock star an unfulfilled ambition for you?

It's been an unfulfilled ambition since I was 13. I don't know anyone who doesn't want to get up on stage and play music. Even the most boring kind of bank accountant type person is secretly harbouring desires.

Would you have traded in your comedy success for musical fame?

Oh yeah, well I have. I've done a lot of strange musical things in the

past, it was all a kind of hankering to get into music and this idea actually works and doesn't seem stupid and contrived.

It doesn't really have any kind of comedy at all. We are not poe-faced, we're kind of witty and humorous but it's not a comedy show. We are not taking the piss out of punk or the piss out of folk, we just like the noise that the two of them make together.

How does performing music compare to comedy?

It's much more fun. The biggest difference is that I appear as myself. I've always performed as a character before. I found that difficult to begin with and I filled in with a little bit of material but it just didn't fit in properly. I was just a kind of safety thing and I didn't really need it.

So does this mark the end of your comedy career?

I think that ended sometime ago. I think I hung my boots up about 10 years ago really. Certain things have gone on since then but my hearts not really been in it.

So there won't be a reunion with Rik Mayall then?

We keep talking about doing something in about 15 years but I don't think it will ever happen. I enjoyed my time doing comedy but I just had enough.

What are you most proud of in life?

Probably my daughters, my daughters are the things that fill me with joy. In my career I would say the best thing I ever did was Bottom, much better than *The Young Ones* I thought.

Growing up in the modern day do you think you would have taken the same career route?

No because there is a dossiers course in music now, when I was 18 I took the only dossiers course available, which was drama. There are loads of dossier's courses in pop music these days and I would have been straight in there. My whole careers an accident and I don't think there is anyone who really plans anything.



Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

AS Shakespeare made clear in "Henry V", there was no shame in being a patriotic Englishman at the Battle of Agincourt. But things have changed somewhat since 1415. As George Orwell commented, "In left-wing circles it is always felt that there is something slightly disgraceful in being an Englishman, and that it is a duty to snigger at every English institution, from horse racing to suet puddings." In the sixty years since Orwell died things have not improved. The Irish and the Scots are proud of their nationality and the English too have every right to be proud of theirs, especially on April 23rd – on St. George's Day. In 2008, an anonymous soldier from the Queen's Royal Lancers put this poem on the regiment's website.

Goodbye to my England

Goodbye to my England, so long my old friend
Your days are numbered, being brought to an end.

To be Scottish, Irish or Welsh that's fine
But don't say you're English, that's way out of line.

The French and the Germans may call them-
selves such

So may Norwegians, the Swedes and the Dutch
You can say you are Russian or maybe a Dane

But don't say you're English ever again.

At Broadcasting House the word is taboo
In Brussels it's scrapped, in Parliament too
Even schools are affected; staff do as they're told
They must not teach children about England of
old.

Writers like Shakespeare, Milton and Shaw
The pupils do not learn about them any more
How about Agincourt, Hastings, Arnhem or Mons
When England lost hosts of her very brave sons.

We are not Europeans, how can we be?
Europe is miles away over the sea
We're the English from England, let's all be proud
Stand up and be counted - Shout it out loud.

Let's tell our Government and Brussels too
We're proud of our heritage and the Red, White
and Blue

Fly the flag of Saint George or the Union Jack
Let the world know - we want our England back!

Somehow, we English need to re-capture our
confidence and self-esteem. It might raise our
spirits a little if a few of our defeatist politicians
could be replaced by young men or women like
this unknown soldier.

The quarterly glossy magazine, This England, is
sold all over the world to people who love this
green and pleasant land. The publication is beau-
tifully illustrated and is unashamedly patriotic.
The current issue includes this poem from Kath-
leen Hyde-Chalman, a homesick ex-pat.

An English Memoir

I miss that ancient country
Where I was born and bred,
Fond memories come haunting
When I lay down my head.
In dreams I walk the byways
So beautiful in spring,

Pealing 'cross the countryside
I hear the church bells ring.

The long-lived trees of Yorkshire
Have shed their winter's guise,
Their tender leaves are dreaming
Of sun-filled summer skies.
The fields now freshly furrowed
Bring seagulls from the sea
High, lazy circles wheeling
Their cries drift down to me.

Greening hedgerows filled with song,
Spring flowers everywhere,
Bluebells carpet woodland glades,
Sweet perfume scents the air.
Each colour of the rainbow,
All shades and in between,
A floral panorama
Stage set on emerald green.

Wild daffodils delight me
Their golden trumpets sound,
A joyful celebration
'Cause winter's southward bound.
So oft I dream of England
Where once I trod the ways,
Remembering her beauty
Reliving youthful days.

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: "Poetry for Pleasure", Lyne Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyne Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF.
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Variety in the Palace

'VARIETY in the Palace' on Saturday, April 30th is a fabulous family show that will be performing at the Electric Palace for one night only before it heads to London's Roundhouse for 5 nights, to play alongside circus greats such as Gerry Cottle and Trash City!

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This spectacular family comedy show is rescuing the spirit of the end of the pier and bottling it for the generations of tomorrow.

Tickets are on sale from Bridport Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901 £10 standard / £5 members and under 12s / £24 family ticket



It's A Pizza Party!

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Local History Centre Open Day

WHILE many people are familiar with Bridport's Museum in South Street, especially since it is open to all, free of charge again this year, you may not be so familiar with the "other half" of the Bridport Museum Trust - the Local History Centre at the Coach House, Gundry Lane.

For this reason, on Saturday, April 24th, they are opening the doors for a special Open Day, to give you the chance to come and see the vast collection of material they keep, relating to almost every part of Bridport and West Dorset's way of life, past and present.

Many people are already using the resources to draw up their own family tree, from parish or census records, for example, and you don't have to be local to benefit. The Local History Centre also have comprehensive access to national and international family records provided by ancestry.co.uk and other internet websites.

Experienced volunteers and staff are always available to show you how to research your family whether you are a complete beginner or already have some experience.

But their resources don't stop there. They have articles, records, press cuttings and research materials covering; Houses to Healthcare, Maps to Markets, Railways to Ropes, War years to Weddings, Buildings to Boats.

Did you know that Dorset's Bridport is strongly linked to two other Bridports in the World? Do you want to see what your street looked like 100 years ago? You can view copies of the Museum's 10,000+ photos kept on site. They also have a reference library of books, articles, research papers on Bridport and West Dorset generally.

So why not pop in on Saturday 24th to get a flavour of what the Local History Centre might have for your interest. Otherwise they are open from 10am-1pm and 2-4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and like the museum rely predominantly on kind donations, and volunteers to maintain and add to these services all year long.

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All change on Albert Square

A BIG shake-up is in the offing at EastEnders where some of the soap's best-loved characters are being axed as part of a shake-up by new boss Bryan Kirkwood.

While the exits of Tiana Benjamin, Preeya Kalidas and Barbara Windsor have already been announced, six more of the soap's stars will leave Albert Square in the coming months.

Derek Martin, who has played Charlie Slater for a decade, will bow out later this year alongside Cliff Parisi's character, mechanic Minty Peterson.

Relative newcomer Liam Bergin will also depart the soap as his alter ego Danny Mitchell's machinations come to a climax in the coming months.

Speaking of his departure, Bergin said: "I've had a great six months working on EastEnders playing Danny. He has been a great character to play and without giving too much away, he's sure to ruffle a few feathers before he leaves Walford."

He continued: "Working alongside Barbara [Windsor], Sam [Womack], Rita [Simons] and Steve [McFadden] has been a real pleasure and I will enjoy watching what the Mitchells get up to as a viewer."

Kate Williams, who plays Owen Turner's mother Liz, will also film her final scenes later this year and is expected to exit in a storyline connected to Walford murderer Lucas.

And finally, Belinda Owusu and David Proud will leave their respective characters, Libby Fox and Adam Best, behind.

Details of exit storylines are being kept tightly under wraps but a BBC spokesperson said: "They'll all have exciting exits - and hopefully a few happy endings."

"It's sad to see characters leave the Square but obviously when a new executive producer comes on board they're always keen to refresh the show and make some changes. It's the way soaps work, characters run their course and new characters come along."

The news comes amid gossip that a few familiar faces are set to return to the soap. Rumour has it that Michelle Ryan will reprise the role of Zoe Slater, and actress Lucy Benjamin is tipped to make a comeback after seven years: "She has been in talks with them. Lisa is a great character and we look forward to seeing her back on the Square," an insider told the Sunday Mirror.

The BBC have so far declined to comment.

STEPHEN Fry has claimed that British television can learn from US drama. The actor explained that American writers are better at pacing shows, according to Press Association.

"They allow the characters to develop very slowly over time and the smallest nuances of characters become huge," he said.

"We tend to throw it away in the first two episodes in England - everyone explains themselves too much. The Americans are brilliant at just letting it be."

Fry, who was celebrating the 100th episode of Bones, also praised the length of US series.

"There are not many British TV shows that run to 100 that aren't soap operas really," he said. "A true proper drama series that has this much longevity is something to celebrate. [Bones has] stayed true to itself. The one thing Americans are so good at doing is not overdoing it!"

by Philip Evans

100 EPISODES OF BONES | Stephen Fry is a big fan of American TV



How far would you go to destroy a Celebrity?

HOW far would you go to destroy a Celebrity? Creative Cow Theatre Company explore just how far in its latest production, Joe Penhall's black comedy Dumb Show, which it brings to the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Thursday, April 29th.

Creative Cow has visited the Marine Theatre on several occasions over the last few years, with The Lovers, The Anniversary and Travels with my Aunt being recent suc-

cesses. This production of Dumb Show looks at issues of celebrity and privacy in today's world. Barry, a hapless TV comic, is a sucker for celebrity status. He's an easy target for "financial executives" John and Jane, with their promise of fat fees and the five-star treatment he deserves. Joe Penhall's explosive play, dealing with the excesses of tabloid journalism, and its manipulation of those hungry for fame,

was first performed at London's Royal Court Theatre in 2004.

Playwright and screenwriter Penhall, who won the Laurence Olivier for Blue/Orange, said about the play: "The main theme is the exploitation of people's misery for entertainment, which is what we see everywhere in the tabloids, on reality TV shows, and on pretty much most popular TV. It's about the "tabloidifica-

tion" of popular culture and the media. The fact that we've got that kind of media and that millions of people read the tabloids must say something about the kind of society we live in. We've also incidentally got that kind of government as well; we've got a government that prides itself on spin and manipulation. It's axiomatic that if you've got a government and a popular press that are wilfully

manipulative you're going to wind up with a society that's increasingly manipulative. That's the central assertion of the play."

Dumb Show will be performed at the Marine Theatre at 8pm on Thursday 29th April. Tickets cost £11 (£9 concessions), available in advance from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk or on the door.

THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE



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It is an inventive show which veers between gothic horror, high drama, slapstick and comedy - but it is its sheer invention that has made this production a sell-out in venues up and down the country. So come, if you dare, to the dark side and witness a chilling, thrilling and highly entertaining reinvention of this classic tale.

European Arts Company: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is at the Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, on Saturday, April 30th at 8pm. Box office: 01308 424204. Tickets priced: £10, £9 Supporters, £7 concs.

Concert in Thorncombe

THORNCOMBE based Indigo May are set to play at Thorncombe Village Hall on Saturday, May 1st. The concert sees the duo of Karen Turner and John Maybey perform Indian influenced vocalisation, songs and improvisation.

The concert will start at 8:30pm. Bring your own drinks.

ReView | The Beat Save it for Later with fantastic Bridport show

SATURDAY night (April 17th) saw The Beat play a fun, energetic set to a sell-out crowd at Bridport's fantastic Electric Palace.

The band, fronted by original vocalist Ranking Roger, alongside his son, the aptly named Ranking Junior (famed for his toasting on Ordinary Boys hit 'Boys will be boys') also featured funky original drummer Everett Morton, and former Dexys Midnight Runner and General Public keyboardist Mickey Billingham.

The band finally took to the stage at around 9.45pm, and were met with loud cheers, and 'Rude Boy' chants.

Kicking off the set with a risky choice of new groove 'Dangerous', the band had the Palace rocking from the off. Playing through hits including the outstanding 'Too nice to talk too', 'Hands off, she's mine', 'Best Friend', and a medley of 'Get a job/Whine and Grind/Stand down Margaret' dedicated topically to Gordon Brown. The set also saw the band play their first hit, the Smokey Robinson cover 'Tears of a clown', the Neville Staples/Ranking Roger written 'Muscle Ska' - a dirty reggae groove written by two of the figureheads of the two-tone movement, and another medley of favourites 'Rankin full stop/Mirror in the Bathroom', as well as a funky reworking of The Clash's 'Rock the Casbah', dedicated to the late Clash frontman Joe Strummer.

After a couple of minutes off stage, the band returned for a well received encore, playing 'Save it for later', and 'Jackpot', as well as an incredibly rap from Ranking Junior, which also saw Ranking Roger take to the drums.

The Beat are often overlooked when discussing the new wave ska scene of the late 70s/early 80s, but on this showing these guys have a repertoire to rival any band of that period, and still have an impressive freshness to their live performance. And if you asked any of the Rude Boys or Rude Girls in attendance, I'm sure they'd agree.

Review by Rob Larcombe

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But their plan goes horribly wrong when they are mistaken for the couple by two mobsters, who accuse them of stealing their boss's flash drive and threaten them at gunpoint.

Seeing no other way out, Phil and Claire lie about the flash drive's whereabouts, resulting in a hilarious night of action that leaves the couple closer than ever.



WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?
Tina Fey and Steve Carell in *Date Night*

BRITISH historical thriller "Centurion" (15) is based on the legendary ill-fated Ninth Legion, as they march north to Scotland to wipe out the Celtic tribe, the Picts.

Set in AD 117, when the Roman Empires stretched from Egypt to Spain and as far east as the Black Sea, Quintus Dias (Michael Fassbender) – a survivor of a former Picts invasion – joins the Ninth Legion led by General Virilus (Dominic West) to attack the savage tribe and its leader.

But when the legion is ambushed on unfamiliar ground and Virilus is taken captive, Quintus struggles to keep his platoon alive behind enemy lines.

Released Friday, April 23rd

AMERICAN drama comedy "The Joneses" (15) tells the story of a picture perfect family that moves to a wealthy suburban neighbourhood.

Their ideal lifestyle and luxury possessions are the envy of their neighbours, but in reality, the Joneses aren't what they seem. They're a mock family put together by a marketing company to sell high-end products to neighbourhoods using undercover techniques.

The film stars Demi Moore and David Duchovny as parents Kate and Steve, and Amber Heard and Ben Hollingsworth as teenaged children Jenn and Mick.

Released Friday, April 23rd

by Francesca Evans



CENTURION | Based on the legendary Ninth Legion's ill-fated attack on the Picts

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Sun-Thu: 18.20, 20.40

Clash of the Titans 3D (12A)

Fri/Sat: 14.00, 16.30, 19.00,

20.50, 21.30

Plus: 11.30, 21.30 (Sat only)

Sun: 11.30, 14.50, 17.20, 19.50,

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Mon-Wed: 14.50, 17.20, 19.50,

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Thu: 14.50, 17.20, 19.50

How To Train Your Dragon 3D (PG)

Fri-Thu: 13.40, 16.00, 18.20

Plus: 11.20 (Sat & Sun only)

Dear John (12A)

Fri: 13.30, 16.00, 18.30, 21.00

Sat: 11.00, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30,

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Sun-Thu: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00,

20.30

Nanny McPhee & the Big Bang (U)

Fri: 14.00, 16.30

Sat: 11.30, 14.00, 16.30

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Fri-Wed: 14.40, 17.30, 20.20

Plus: 11.50 (Sun only)

Thu: 20.40

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14.00, 16.15, 18.30, 20.45

Plus: 11.45 (Sun only)

It's A Wonderful Afterlife (12A)

13.00, 15.20, 17.40, 20.00

Plus: 10.40 (Sat/Sun only)

The Joneses (U)

Fri/Sat: 13.35, 16.05, 18.25, 20.40

Sun: 11.10, 13.25, 15.40, 17.50

20.10

Kick-Ass (15)

21.10

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT

TO LATE CHANGES

Award winner bring new show Ernest and The Pale Moon to the Marine

AFTER a sell out run at the Edinburgh Festival, award-winning Theatre Company, Les Enfants Terribles bring the tour of their new show, Ernest and the Pale Moon, developed in association with Bristol based company, Pins and Needles Productions, to the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Saturday 24th April.

Inspired by the works of Edgar Allan Poe and Alfred Hitchcock, Ernest and the Pale Moon is a spine-chilling tale of obsession and murder; from writer Oliver Lansley and the production and musical team behind The Terrible Infants. Ernest spends his days watching the beautiful young woman who lives in the apartment opposite. Upon seeing her with another man he is thrown into a jealous rage and driven to murder, though all is not what it may at first seem and slowly Ernest's guilt sends him on a spiralling descent into madness. The piece contains narrative twists and turns, live music, inventive design and physical storytelling to provide a thrilling and terrifying experience.

The show is directed by local girl Emma Earle of Pins and Needles Productions, who went to Holyrood School in Chard and then onto Exeter University to read Drama. She also studied directing at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and now combines her theatre commitments with community film work in the South West and nationally.

Oliver Lansley is a published playwright (work includes *The Infant and Immaculate*). He also works extensively in television and is the writer of *FM* (ITV 2) starring Chris O'Dowd and Kevin Bishop; and *Whites* (BBC 2) starring Alan Davies. He is currently developing various other theatre productions including a project executive produced by Ricky Gervais and Steven Merchant. Oliver was also recently named one of the 'Broadcast Hotshots' by Broadcast magazine and won the 'Multi-talented' award at Channel 4's 4-Talent Awards.

Ernest and the Pale Moon is at 8pm on Saturday 2nd April at the Marine Theatre. Tickets cost £11.50 (£9.50), available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk or on the door.



Ernest and the Pale Moon

Saturday 24th April

Dumb Show

Thursday 29th April

Die Roten Punkte

Thursday 6th May

Eclectica!

Saturday 8th May

The Importance of Being Oscar

Friday 21st May

Out of Chaos

Sunday 23rd May

Something Fishy

Saturday 29th May

Dr Phil's

Rude Health Show

Thursday 3rd June

Benny Gallagher

Saturday 5th June

Gulliver's Travels

Friday 11th June

Mari Wilson's Threesome

Friday 18th June

New Amen Corner

Friday 25th June

Shakespeare's

The Rape of Lucrece

Friday 9th July

Bill Giles' Weather Show

Saturday 17th July

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LYME REGIS

Pirate Gold found in Lyme

CAPTAIN Richard Bedford of "The Revenge" is reputed to have pirate gold "in coins, in ingots and bars" in the hold of his ship - according to one song being rehearsed by Lyme Regis Operatic Society for their forthcoming production of "Golden Revenge". Roger Lane, an Excise Commissioner, calls at the port to stamp down on smuggling. He also demands that all should pay their dues and his men recite the tariffs for each imported item - just like the Notice on the Cobb. Lane inspects "The Saucy Sue" and "The Kestrel" but finds nothing incriminating, so the townsfolk taunt him before throwing him off the Cobb into the sea.

The plot of "Golden Revenge" develops with some factual anecdotes mixed with a little poetic licence to create a stirring local story written by the late Roy Deasy. Composed by Brian Manners, the society's

The Portland Steam and Vintage Show

May update from organiser Mick Mulley

FIRST of all I would like to say how saddened we all were to hear about the death of Ian Norris. We will be dedicating this year's show to his memory, Ian was a valued member of the Committee and he will be greatly missed.

Southwest Coaches will be running an Hourly bus service both Saturday and Sunday from Weymouth Seafront calling at all stops to Southwell Park. This year Bus Passes will be taken, the timetable will be available from May.

We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help before and during the show.

We are also looking for sponsors for various sections to help with the cost of setting up the show. For details of sponsorship and volunteering and any other details of the show please ring 01305 822728, visit www.theportlandsteamshow.co.uk or Email psvs@talktalk.net.

President and a past Head of Music at Woodroffe School, the music is a constant joy. Every page brings some new, interesting and memorable pleasure. There are plenty of Tudor influences with some haunting passages for the ladies when the men are away at war against the Spanish Armada. Also there is a special recognition for Lyme's twin town, Bermuda, with a sultry number in calypso style. As one would expect at the time of the defeat of the Armada, there are some rousing patriotic choruses which the thirty or so singers give full measure.

"Golden Revenge" will be presented at The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis, from Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th May 2010.

More information is available from the Secretary, Mrs Jean Wellings, on 01297 443382, or Committee member, Pauline Beviss, on 01297 33903.

Auditions to be held for Bridport Musical Theatre's Showstoppers

AUDITIONS will start this week for Bridport Musical Theatre Company's next production "42nd Street".

Their latest show, "Showstoppers" finished just last week but already preparations are underway for the next. This Sunday, April 25th at 2pm the group will be holding a read through session. This will be a chance to view the script for the first time and listen to the music from the show.

The following week, on Sunday, May 2nd, auditions will be held for character parts and dancers, the show requires at least a basic background in tap dancing for the dancers.

Auditions for character parts will be at 10am and dancers will audition at 2pm.

The show will run from 31st August to September 4th 2010. All sessions will be held at Bridport Youth Centre.

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2010 TIMETABLE

Opening Saturday 24th April

Monday	12.30-1.30pm 6.00 - 7.00pm 7.00 - 8.00pm	Aqua Mobility Open Session Adult Session
Tuesday	6.00 - 7.00pm 7.00 - 8.00pm	Open Session Adult Session
Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00am 11.30-12.30pm 12.30 - 1.20 pm 4.00 - 5.00pm 6.00 - 7.00pm 7.00 - 8.00pm	Early Bird Session Aquadise Adult Session (60+ free) Lane Swimming (U16s Free) Open Session Adult Session
Thursday	6.00 - 7.00pm 7.00 - 8.00pm	Open Session Aquafit
Friday	12.30-1.20 pm 6.00 - 7.00pm	Gentle Exercise Open Session
Saturday	10.00 – 11.00am 2.00 – 3.00pm	Open Session (U16s Free) Open Session
Sunday	10.00 – 11.00am 11.00 – 12.00pm	Adult Session (60+ free) Open Session (games)

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Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21ST

BRIDPORT: Casterbridge Male Voice Choir and other soloists at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Bridport. tickets £6 in advance from The Music Shop, South Street, Bridport or £7 on the door. Wine and nibbles included. Telephone 01297 33158 for more details.

THURSDAY APRIL 22ND

DORCHESTER: Concert with Ed Hintz as Elton John and supporting acts. From 7.30pm at Thomas Hardy School Theatre. Fundraising for student to volunteer in South Africa, telephone 07981 011314 for more details.

BRIDPORT: Illustrated Talk by Christine Shaw: "Capetown to Victoria Falls" in a truck called Isabel. From 7.30pm. at Bridport United Church Hall. Tickets £3 in aid of Action for Children. Telephone 01308 424551 for more details.

FRIDAY APRIL 23RD

Lyme Regis: Judging of three slide competitions at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details. Organised by Lyme bay Photographic Club.

PUNCKNOWLE: St Georges Day QUIZ NIGHT in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall. Organised by Sid Marshall.

SATURDAY APRIL 24TH

BRADPOLE: Bradpole Social Club presents 'Elvis' with supporting Disco. Heath Aston, winner of GMTV's 'Search for Elvis'. From 8.30pm, not to be missed.

BRIDPORT: Jumble Sale at Bridport United Church Hall from 10am. Telephone 01308 485225 for more details. Organised by Askerswell

SUNDAY APRIL 25TH

TOLLER PORCUM: "Spring Greens" - Foraging & Wild Food Course. 9.30am - 5.00pm. Contact info@hedgerow-harvest.com or visit www.hedgerow-harvest.com.

MONDAY APRIL 26TH

BRIDPORT: A Paddle along the Piddle - an illustrated talk by speaker Anne King, retired Deputy Warden of Leeson House Field Studies Centre. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National Trust at Bridport United Church Hall, Easter Street. From 7.30pm. All welcome, telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

SATURDAY MAY 1ST

DORCHESTER: Quangle Wangle Concert in aid of Help the Aged Dorset at United Church from 7.30pm. Advanced tickets from 01305 768635 or www.wegottickets.com. For more information visit www.qwchoir.co.uk/

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings Spring Concert/Vivaldi 4 Seasons from 7.30pm at St John's Church, West Bay. Telephone 01308 455617 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 2ND

PUDDLETOWN: Dorset Plant Heritage Plant Sale at Athelhampton House near Puddletown. Specialist nurseries, free parking, refreshments, an opportunity to look round the lovely Grade 1 listed gardens and to buy rare/unusual plants! Admission free to members, concessions with Plant Heritage programme leaflets. Telephone 01305 848224 for more details.

SATURDAY MAY 8TH

BRIDPORT: Big Cash Prize Charity Quiz at the King's Head, Bradpole from 8.30pm prompt. £10 per team (max 4 per team). There will also be a raffle and Chinese bingo. All proceeds to Joseph Weld Hospice. Book on 01308 425023 or 422520.

MOSTERTON: Mosterton May Fayre at Mosterton Village Hall from 1.30pm. Telephone 01308 868631 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 9TH

LITTON CHENEY: A Bit of Ado 2. Step back in time for a lazy afternoon fundraising event that promises you an array of historic vehicles, car rides, homemade clotted cream teas, pimms, stalls and the Rex Trevitt Big Band...you are invited to wear vintage dress to add to the event, though this is not compulsory! Something for everyone, and all are welcome. The event will kick off with a historic vehicle run at an earlier time from bridport, for further details of this please contact martin bell on 07939 172 615. At Litton Hall, School Lane.

FRIDAY MAY 21st - SUNDAY MAY 23rd

LITTON CHENEY: Argentine Tango at Litton & Thorner's Community Hall. Telephone 01300 320007 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MAY 26TH

DORCHESTER: Casterbridge Male Voice Choir open workshop. From 7 - 9pm at St Mary's Church Hall. Telephone 01305 774857 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 30TH

WEYMOUTH: Teddy Bears Picnic - free. At Greenhill Gardens from 2pm - 4.30pm. Telephone 01305 833469 for more details.

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'LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS' COMES TO LYME

HAVE you ever soaked in the atmosphere of the 'Last Night of the Proms' and longed to be part of it? Whilst the Woodmead Hall is no Albert Hall, the Lyme Regis Town Band will be creating a strong flavour of this world-famous event next Saturday evening, April 24th, starting at 7.30pm.

Compered by Richard Horobin, the concert will provide music for all tastes, as the band showcases some of the best of English music in celebration of St George's Day. The stirring opening fanfare and national anthem will set the scene and the programme which follows ranges from well-known folk songs in 'Songs of the Land of St George' to a medley of Cliff Richard's greatest hits.

Principal cornet player Peter Hurdwell has often entertained Lyme's summer visitors with the 'Post Horn Gallop' and this will be a feature of the evening. Other solos are included, from band Chairman Jan Long on soprano cornet and John Warr on euphonium. John will play an arrangement of 'Blaydon Races' by Seaton resident and doyen of the brass band world, Gordon Langford. Bass solos are rare, but Paul Snowball will perform an unusual piece called 'Tuba Smarties'.

Without doubt, audience participation will play a vital role in this concert. If you enjoy a good sing, you can exercise your lungs in a medley of English songs which will feature many nostalgic favourites, including 'White Cliffs of Dover' and 'There'll always be an England'.

Of course, there can only be one possible finale: 'Land of Hope and Glory' and this will be the audience's last chance to put their flags of St George to good use! It will undoubtedly provide a rousing and

emotional end to the evening, bringing a strong taste of the Proms to West Dorset.

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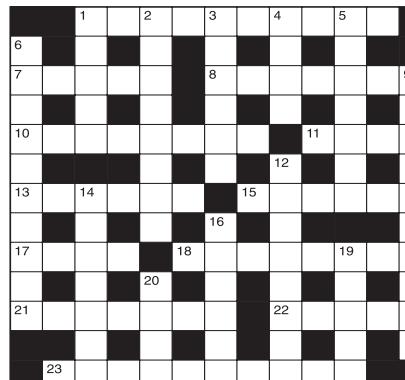
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- 8. Defective (7)
- 10. Involve in complications (8)
- 11. Tuft (4)
- 13. Push (6)
- 15. Corrupt (6)
- 17. Helper (4)
- 18. Obvious (8)
- 21. Interpret (7)
- 22. Loft (5)
- 23. Contrition (10)

Down

- 1. Concerning (5)
- 2. Equity (8)
- 3. Twofold (6)
- 4. Throw (4)
- 5. Tripper (7)
- 6. Stress (10)
- 9. Trust (10)
- 12. Grumble (8)
- 14. Backslide (7)
- 16. Brigand (6)
- 19. Take a dip (5)
- 20. Dumb (4)

Last week's solution

Across: 6 Changed; 7 Acute; 9 Apt; 10 Appraisal; 12 Acknowledge; 15 Contemplate; 17 Reference; 19 Art; 21 Agree; 22 Present.
Down: 1 Shape; 2 Inn; 3 Heap; 4 Accidents; 5 Strange; 8 Trowel; 11 Scattered; 13 Number; 14 Foreign; 16 Grant; 18 Cure; 20 Use.



CIRCLEGRAM



Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be re-arranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is M. Cambodia, Malaysia, Vietnam, all South East Asian countries.

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTION

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£375,000



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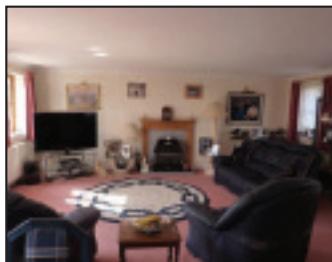
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LYME REGIS - £587,500



Situated on the western side of town with views across the valley. This substantial 5 bedroom detached house has accommodation over three floors with the potential to create a self contained annex. It has a large rear garden with enclosed luxury hot tub, garage and workshop.

UPLYME - £249,950



- Entrance porch
- Kitchen
- Dining area
- Sitting room
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway parking
- Front and rear gardens
- uPVC double glazed windows
- Gas central heating (installed approximately two years ago).

LYME REGIS - £195,000



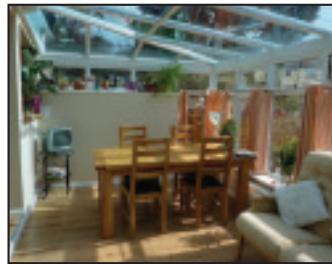
Two bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with views across the town to the sea. The property also features a lounge and kitchen/breakfast room, enclosed rear garden with shed and two parking spaces. No stamp duty for first time buyers. Ideal investment opportunity with a rental income of a possible £600.00 per calendar month.

LYME REGIS - £359,995



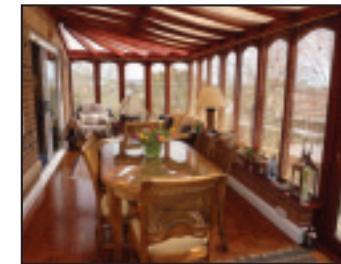
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LYME REGIS - £295,000



Little Ascot an attractive 1920s detached timber frame bungalow is situated in the popular residential area of Colway Lane. The present owners have recently altered the layout and updated the bungalow with the addition of uPVC double glazed conservatory, newly fitted kitchen and gas central heating.

LYME REGIS - £495,000



A modern spacious family home situated in a popular residential cul-de-sac. Lounge, large conservatory, dining room/2nd lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, master bedroom with en suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom. A cellar/workshop along with a double garage and views from the gardens.

LYME REGIS - £25,000



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ROUSDON - £685,000



- Reception hall
- Drawing room
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- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room
- Study
- Cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Two en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Self contained studio annex
- Double glazed windows
- Gardens
- Double garage
- Parking

CHARDSTOCK - £495,000



- Village location
- Individual detached bungalow
- Detached garage with planning permission
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Dining room
- uPVC woodgrain effect double glazing throughout
- Impressive sun lounge/ conservatory
- Three bedroom master en suite
- Family bathroom

LYME REGIS - £650,000



- Established guest house
- 1920's detached property
- Good location close to the town
- Self-contained annexe / owners' accommodation
- Letting rooms with facilities
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- Front and rear garden
- Gas CH and Double glazing



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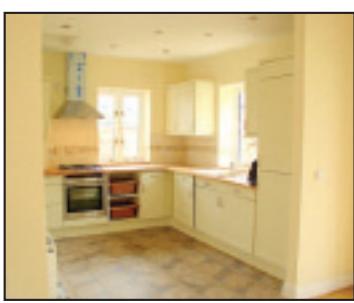
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CHARMOUTH - £279,950

A new, brick built, detached, two-bedroom bungalow a short, almost-level walk from Charmouth Beach and from the village-centre amenities

- Open plan living/dining room with woodburner
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- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
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CHARMOUTH - £349,500

A modern 5 year old three bed detached house situated in an elevated position on the western side of Charmouth. Currently operating as a successful holiday letting business.

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- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Lounge
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- Bathroom
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CHARMOUTH - £575,000

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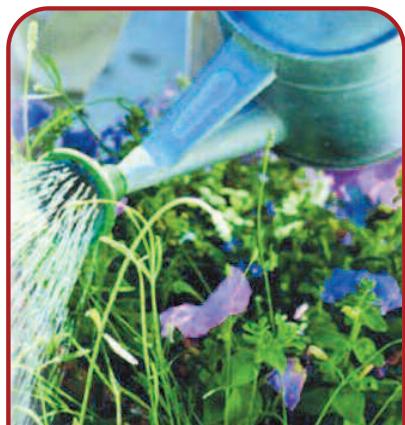
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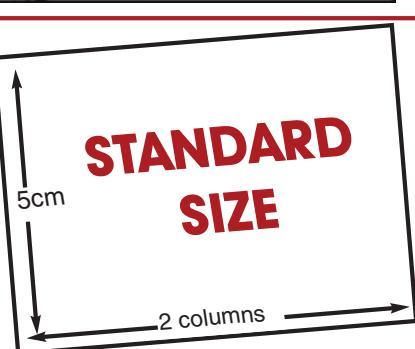
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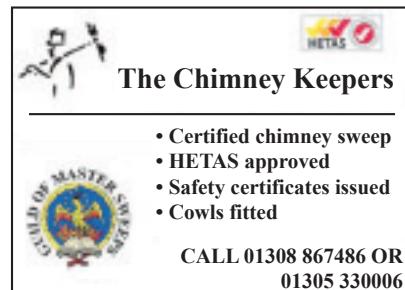
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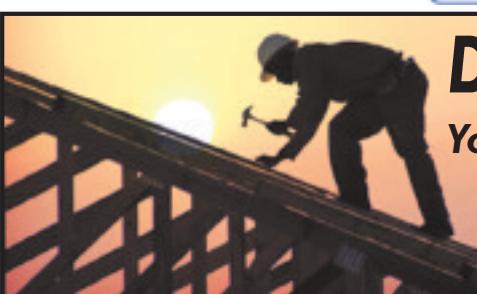
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MIDWEEK ROUND-UP

Tuesday, April 13th**PREMIER**

Beaminster 2 (M.Legg 2) White Horse 0, Charmouth 0 Lyme Regis 6 (D.Rowe 3, Ad Caddy 2, L.Cleal), Merritt Rovers 0 Barrington 3 (K.McDonald, S.Reeves, OG), South Petherton 1 (J.Bovey) Ilminster Town Reserves 1 (S.Jennings).

DIVISION TWO

Chard United 1 (S.Scriven) Forton Reserves 4 (L.Richardson 2, M.Brown, D.Fowler)

Wednesday, April 14th**DIVISION ONE**

Forton Rangers 1 (J.Smith) Winsham United 2 (H.Broome, S.Richards), Lyme Reserves 2 (D.Thirlwell, F.Thomson) Netherbury 0, Perry St Res 1 (L.Riste) Ilminster Colts 1 (abandoned 65min - Riste injury, League to confirm if result is to stand).

Thursday, April 15th**PREMIER**

Lyme Regis 1 (M.Darby pen) White Horse 0.

DIVISION TWO

Beaminster Res 0 Forton Rangers Res 2 (L.Richardson, M.Brown)

DIVISION THREE

Combe A 0 Luso-Chard 1 (A.Prudensio) Crewkerne Res 1 (I.Wallis) Crewkerne Rangers 1.

Saturday, April 17th**DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP****Round Three**

THERE were two weekend cup shocks. The first occurred at the Memorial Ground where Division Two outfit Beaminster Reserves knocked-out Division One promotion chasers Forton Rangers.

After a goal less 90 minutes, the winning strike came in the 100th minute when Dan Pyett crossed for Ross Pickets to toe poke home his 17th goal of the season.

Earlier Beaminster keeper John Bailey pulled off a stunning penalty save to crown a Man-of-the-Match performance.

The result was made even more surprising due to The Rainbows defeat at the hands of the Forton Reserves team just 48 hours earlier!

Meanwhile there was a similar outcome in the other Division Two v One encounter at Norton where the hosts shot down Winsham United 2-1. The teams end all square at 1-1 after 90 minutes with Paul Churchill on target for the hosts and Ryan Partridge replying. The winner came two minutes from the end of extra-time from Aaron Purnell.

Farway United may just be the team to watch in this competition. The Devonians were in sparkling form as they hammered last season's runners-up Ilminster

Colts 4-1 at the Rec.

Netherbury had few problems in seeing off Division Three high-fliers Crewkerne Rangers. A Dan Rawlings strike separated the teams at the interval before Steve Coombes broke his duck for the seasons with the goal of the game - a scorcher into the top corner. Adam Sorrell completed the scoring with a third late on as Rangers seven game unbeaten run came to a predictable end.

Saturday's other two ties produced an incredible 23 goals.

South Petherton Reserves and Millwey Rise locked horns for the second time in a week. Hosts at Pethy exacted revenge for last weekend's 4-0 drubbing at Millwey with an impressive 6-4 extra-time victory. Millwey were on the ropes at the break as they trailed 3-0. But goals from Danny Larcombe and a 30-yard cracker from Michael Knight in a seven minute purple patch seemed to have turned the tie. Pethy extended their lead to 4-2 on the hour but back came Rise through player-manager Shane Featherstone and Ian Hall. But the wind came out of the Millwey sails in the extra-period.

But if its goals you want the place to be on Saturday was Oxleaze where West & Middle Chinnock and Perry Street Reserves traded 13!

It was 4-2 to Street at half-time. The visitors pouncing four times on poor defending at corners. The Chinnocks stayed in the running at 2-1 and 3-2 through Ashley Lock and Nick Eckland.

Quick strikes after the restart from Mark Cawley, Damon Hallett and Ian Masters saw the hosts finally get their noses in front at 5-4. Back came the Greens the ties things up before Eckland grabbed his second. Astonishingly the Mothers responded again to leave the tie balanced precariously at 6-6. The Chinnocks quarter-final slot was finally seized by Aaron Langdon in the 85th minute.

PREMIER

YET another shut-out from the Lyme Regis defence has taken the Seasiders a step closer to their fifth Premier Division title after a 1-0 win over Perry Street at the Davey Fort.

The visitors must have feared the worst with the Lyme machine purring along on a 12-game unbeaten run and having been thumped 9-0 and 9-1 on their last two visits to the West Dorset coastal ground.

But Ian Hilton's side acquitted themselves well and strikers Kris Groves and Ben Stevens forced a couple of anxious moments from Ashley Caddy and his defence which has now gone 590 minutes without being breached.

The winner came in the 18th minute when Joe Bond ended a barren spell

with 17th of the season.

South Petherton maintained their title hopes with a 4-3 win at Barrington. Top scorer Rich Hebditch gave Pethy an interval advantage which strike partner Jody Bovey doubled after the restart. Rob Stubbs headed home a third for Karl Diment's side with the winner, and pick of the goals, coming from a 25-yarder from Paul Holt. The hosts, who trailed 4-1 with five minutes remaining, put in a fine performance with Man-of-the-Match Gary Stranger (2) and Mark Harrison finding the net. There was even time for late drama when Paul Thresher bundled home what appeared to be a leveler only for referee Shaun Annetts to correctly rule the 'goal' out for a foul.

Beaminster are also not out the running just yet. The Rainbows had little difficulty in crushing relegated Charmouth 5-0 at Barrs Lane. It was all over at half-time with Murray Legg (2), Sam Crocker and Tristan Gale on the score sheet. Ben Ward added a fifth after the restart for Beaminster whose player-manager Paddy Ford confirmed to View Sport that he would be standing down at the end of the season. Ford, who has been in sole charge for three seasons following a two-year stint as joint manager alongside Roger Maidment, hasn't yet decided whether he will continue in a playing only capacity next season.

Several names are believed to be in the frame to take up the role including South Petherton number two Gordon Childs and ex-manager Shaun Annetts. White Horse did their Premier Division survival hopes a significant boost with a shock 4-1 win at floundering Merritt Rovers.

Rovers took an early lead through Haydn Smith but Horse were back on equal terms at the break courtesy of Colin Paul. It was one-way traffic after the restart with Horse galloping to their biggest win of the season and closed to within three points of relegation rivals Crewkerne Town with second-half goals from Russell Weller (pen), Richard Pincombe and John Kingston.

Misterton all-but banished any relegation fears with a 5-1 thrashing of Ilminster Reserves.

Premier

Millwey Rise 1413 1 0 50 15 40
Norton Athletic 1510 1 4 55 29 31
Dowlish & Don 16 8 2 6 57 42 26
Forton Reserves 16 7 4 53 38 22
Hinton 18 7 3 8 44 42 24
Shepton Beau 13 7 2 4 40 19 23
Beaminster Res 14 7 2 5 35 32 23
Uplyme 16 6 2 8 39 45 20
South Peth Res 14 3 6 5 32 33 15
Drimpton 17 2 1 14 31 82 7
Chard United 15 2 0 13 21 70 6

Division Two

PW D L F APts

Winsham Res 18 9 5 4 64 50 32
Ilminster A 15 9 2 4 47 34 29
Weymouth Hds 16 9 1 6 54 34 28
Farway Res 15 8 3 4 48 30 27
Chard Utd Res 13 8 2 3 42 27 26
Combe B 20 8 2 10 66 55 26
Barrington Res 17 8 2 7 50 46 26
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Thorn Res 17 5 4 8 36 44 16
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Division Three

PW D L F APts

Hawkchurch 1413 1 3 65 17 40
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Ilminster Res 18 8 4 6 51 33 28
Barrington 18 8 3 7 36 45 27
Misterton 19 7 4 8 33 39 25
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Perry Street 20 7 3 10 36 52 24
Combe Res 18 6 2 10 32 38 20
Crewkerne 18 5 3 10 38 47 18
White Horse 17 4 3 10 30 43 15
Charmouth 20 0 4 16 22 99 4

place with 36 points was David Lyon (15).

Two other juniors have achieved notable success in reaching the second round of the Daily Mail Foursomes competition. Scott Love, playing off scratch, and Jonathan (Johnny) Ebdon (9) defeated their opponents from Woodbury park with the final putt of the round which was a five footer sunk by Scott Love.

They now play Honiton at home in the next round. Another Junior, George York has also continued to make good progress in scoring 40 points in a recent stableford event to see his handicap further reduced.

Mens ProAm qualifier. The qualifier for the National ProAm competition was staged on Sunday, April 18th.

The winner was Chris Scott with 40 points. He will now partner club professional Duncan Driver in the first round to be played at Parkstone.

In second place beating Julian Cox on

countback was Pat Duke with 39 points.

Lyme Regis Ladies by Ellie Langford LYME Regis held two competitions on this day, the Flag and the Coronation Foursomes. It was fortunate that it was a sunny day so that both competitions could be completed without too many complaints.

Results of the Flag: 1st Gloria Lott 70pts, 2nd Linda Baker 72pts, 3rd Gilly Madill 73pts.

Gloria Lott cut her handicap from 26 to 24, Linda Baker from 20 to 19 and Gilly Madill from 24 to 22.

The winners of the Coronation Foursomes were Joy Madge and Monica Frost with 38pts, they will now go into a draw and the first 100 pairs, play at the finals later in the year.

The runners-up were Mary Golding and Hanna Jacobsen with 35pts

Lyme Regis was successful in the first round of the Parkin Cup, this is a county competition played off scratch for players with a handicap of 20 or higher, they beat Crane Valley at home 2 up.

Meanwhile, the interclub team



CALLING IT A DAY: Beaminster player-manager Paddy Ford is resigning at the end of the season.



WATER-TIGHT: Mark Batey is part of the Lyme Regis defence that hasn't conceded for nearly 10hrs.



IN FORM: Richard Pincombe scored and was Man of the Match for White Horse.

Division Four
Tuesday 20 April
Bill Bailey Cup Final
at Beaminster FC 6.15pm

Crewkerne Rangers v Fivehead United

Division One

Ilminster Colts v W & M Chinnock

Netherbury v Lyme Regis Reserves

Perry Street Res v Winsham United

Wednesday 21 April**Somerset Junior Cup Final**

at Shepton Mallet FC

Division Two

Beaminster Reserves v Chard United

Forton Reserves v Millwey Rise

Thursday 22 April**Division One**

Ilminster Town Colts v Thorncome

Division Four

Barrington Res v Chard United Res

Saturday 24 April**Arthur Gage Cup Semi-final 2pm**

Netherbury v Lyme Regis Reserves

All matches below kick off 2.30pm unless stated

Premier Division

Beaminster v South Petherton 2.00pm

Charmouth v Combe Reserves

Crewkerne v Barrington

Ilminster Reserves v Lyme Regis

White Horse v Merritt Rovers

Division One

Chard Rangers v Ilminster Town Colts

Pymore v Perry Street Reserves

Thorncome v Forton Rangers

Winsham Utd v W & M Chinnock 2pm

Division Two

Beaminster Res v Millwey Rise 4.15pm

Drimpton v Chard United

Norton Athletic v Forton Reserves

South Peth Res v Dowlish & Donyatt

Division Three

Combe A v Fivehead United

Lyme Bantams v Luso-Chard

Millwey Rise Res v Crewkerne Res

Division Four

Farway Reserves v Barrington Res

Hawkchurch Res v Chard United Res

Ilminster Town A v Charmouth Res

Winsham Res v Wayton 4.30pm

Tuesday 27 April**Kenny Hodges Cup Final**

at Drimpton FC 6.15pm

Ilminster A v Winsham United Res

Premier Division

Combe Reserves v South Petherton

Lyme Regis v Beaminster

Division One

Perry Street Reserves v Farway Utd

halved their home match against Canford Magna.

The warmer spring weather during the second week of the Easter holiday encouraged many more golfers onto the Lyme Regis course to enjoy the dry



◆ The seniors also held their annual dinner on Friday 16 April. After an excellent meal prepared by John Leeming and his staff and ably compered by Adrian Wells, also one of the prizewinners, the prizes were presented by club captain Jerry Donlon.

Thursday night fishing delight

West Bay Sea Angling Club

WEST BAY Sea Angling Club members have enjoyed two good Thursday night meeting with good weather and good fish caught.

Twenty four members turned out at West Bevington two weeks ago on a warm, calm evening where they all enjoyed a good nights fishing with all weighed fish returned alive after weighing.

Most popular were dogfish, but two caught small eyed rays. Dave Chidzoy caught the first weighing 3.310g but his was well beaten by Oliver Mear's catch which weighed in at 5k 715g, which is 15.52% of specimen weight, and may be a Wyvern junior record.

The two rays fell to sandeel while the dogfish were caught with ragworm tipped with mackerel.

Mears ray won him the heaviest fish prize as well as the being overall competition winner with dogfish making a total haul of 6k 210g. Chidzoy was second with 4k 100g and Peter Grinter third with 2k 770g of dogfish. With the top three ineligible to win

the species pool, Dan Bristow won with two.

Dave Chidzoy went one better last Thursday at Lyme Regis where he won the overall competition with 4k 720g of dogfish, wrasse and rockling as well as the heaviest fish category.

Seventeen members signed in for the night with most fishing either the Cobb or Monmouth Beach on a calm, chilly night.

Dogfish was again the most popular catch but a few good ballan wrasse were also caught in the daylight with Peter Grinter's the heaviest one weighing 470g which was a good fish so early in the year.

There were also some large shore rockling caught, the heaviest by Kym Hyett at 425g - keep an eye on this name as it is reckoned she will give Frances Kitchin a run for her money.

Andrew Privett was second overall with 1kg 585g of dogfish and rockling, just 35g ahead of Chris Harwood with a similar haul. Oliver Mears had to settle for most species this time with three.

PORTRLAND TO HOST INTERNATIONAL YACHTING CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY

WEYMOUTH and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) are to host their first international yachting conference later this month.

The conference on Friday April 23rd aims to promote the sport of sailing and maritime culture with an event involving a number of renowned industry speakers from major yacht racing events.

WPNSA is fast becoming the international venue of choice for yacht racing events and is attracting some of the marine world's key industry leaders to the South West who continue to develop the commercial side of the global industry.

With WPNSA having been chosen as the venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, chairman Edward Leask will introduce the international and regional speakers including Maria Moynihan-Lee, who worked as part of the team at the Galway Experience that secured Galway as the finishing port for one of the greatest sailing events, the Volvo Ocean Race.

Also due to speak are Ian Dickens, who is Marketing Director at Clipper Ventures Plc and organiser of the Clipper Round the World Race; Sir Keith Mills, who formed TEAMORIGIN, the British America's Cup Team; and Rod Carr, OBE ex Chief Executive of the Royal Yachting Association.

This diverse and pre-eminent list of speakers will discuss everything from national to international yachting events organising, potential ways to develop and expand such events and the potential changes and growth in the industry as a whole.

John Tweed, Chief Executive at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy comments: "We are delighted to be hosting our first ever International Yachting Conference with renowned key speakers from the world of premiere yachting events. This is a natural progression for our award winning venue as it receives greater global attention for hosting premiere yachting events. The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is well experienced in holding conferences on the maritime industry and we feel this conference will prove very informative to all those attending."

The WPNSA will provide the ideal venue to host the conference as it is the venue for the sailing competition at the upcoming London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. It makes it an extremely highly regarded and experienced venue for not only sailing but also non-sailing related conferences and events.

A few places have become available at this conference - if you wish to attend, please contact Rachel Sadler at the academy on 01305 866025.



◆ JACK HIGH: Burton Bradstock indoor bowlers assemble after John Bull (centre) won the club's knock-out tournament beating John Ivall in the final. The trophy was presented by club chairman Graham Blunden

BRIDPORT SKITTLES LEAGUE

Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday, April 26th:

Over 58s – Final

Monday April 26th – Woodman

S. Bulled, N. Pye, J. Scotton, M. Chivers, M. Hansford, J. Brooks, D. Mauder, S. Gale.

Ladies Individual Nomination - Final

Tuesday, April 27th – King Charles

C. Huxter, J. Malcolm, J. Symes, S. Luter, E. Hooper; C. Lambert, M. Hansford, S. Newman.

Mens Pairs – Final

Thursday, April 29th – Loders Arms

R. Pincombe & R. Harp, H. Mills & B. Pitcher, I. Pincombe & D. Cooper, J. Peach & D. Langridge.

Tickets for the Presentation Night (May 21st) are now on sale from the Lord Nelson @ £4 each

BOB BUCKLER RACING

FAST GROUND A PROBLEM

WITH the recent spell of dry and sunny weather that has contrasted to the winter where heavy ground meant many of Bob Buckler's horses stayed at home, the firm ground is now causing a number of trainers problems because of the fast ground.

Three of the stables six runners last week found the ground not to their liking, all returning with injuries caused by the conditions, whilst Buckler withdrew Fun Guy on the day at Wincanton on Sunday because it had become too fast.

Earlier in the day Ballygullen suffered a strain of the suspensory ligament which runs between the knee and the fetlock, and was pulled up by Nathan Sweeney, whilst Howlin At The Moon was also pulled up after jarring his feet on the ground when reasonably placed four from home.

The third casualty was Cullahill who started well enough at Exeter last Tuesday but then lost a shoe and was eventually pulled.

On the same card Double or Quoit showed promise by leading the field with a mile to go in the bumper race but weakened to finish at the back of the field.

"He ran quite well, but needs to get stronger," said Buckler. "He's immature and needs to grow up, but hopefully a summer with the sun on his back will help."

In the case of River Indus it was jockey error that caused the normally very reliable

10-year-old to finish well down the pack.

Stable jockey Sweeney who has won a lot of plaudits for his riding this year from both Buckler and the press, this time had to accept criticism from his boss.

"Indus needs to be up the front and kept interested. Anywhere else he switches off. He was slow out of the blocks and then Nathan missed the break. Covered up in the bunch he lost interest and then didn't respond when he needed to. Although he has had a brilliant season, unfortunately this was not one of Nathan's best rides."

With the official end of the jump season this Saturday, Buckler will be giving a few a last run before turning them out; only a few who prefer fast ground staying in training during the summer.

Ethiopia is due to run today at Southwell whilst The Sawyer left for Ireland at the weekend for tonight's Irish Daily Mirror Handicap Steeplechase at Punchestown over 2 1/2 miles worth £80,000.

Sean Thornton is likely to have his first run over fences at Chepstow tomorrow as is Over The Flow at Newton Abbot on Friday providing there is enough give in the ground.

John's Gift will run at one of the two courses in his last run of the season, whilst Double Dizzy is aimed at the £160,000 Bet365 Gold Cup Chase at Sandown providing he is not balloted out.

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

Fighting finish by Bridport men

BOTH Bridport teams were looking to finish the season on a high, by winning their final two games against Poole and Alderholt.

The ladies got off to a dreadful start at home to Poole and found themselves 4-0 before Helen Long gave them hope of a revival. However they lost the next two before Elaine Ingram produced a Lady of the Match performance with a 15.82 average but Bridport lost the last game and the match 2-7.

It was a similar story with the men who lost 2-10. Joe Carter and Ben Grainger grabbed a win in the pairs but from then on it was all Poole. The only highlight for Bridport came from Carter with a stunning performance that included a 180 and a lovely 122 match shot for a 3-0 win with an average of 25.05.

The mens chances of avoiding the wooden spoon looked slim in the final match away to last year's champions Alderholt, currently lying second, but they went into it in high spirits.

They were buoyed by wins from Graham Knight and Nigel Druce, and Grainger and Carter in the pairs, but Alderholt won the two opening singles before Knight with a Man of the Match 3-1 winning performance and Druce with a 3-2 victory levelled the scores again at 4-

4.

Alderholt won the next two to leave them on the brink of victory but with Grainger producing an outstanding performance to win 3-1 it left Carter needing victory to grab a point. With the whole team shouting encouragement and the adrenaline cursing through his veins, Carter won 3-1 to grab an unexpected point.

Although this was not the men's best season, the team will be looking to take this performance into next year and build again.

The ladies were hoping a win would lift them into the top half of the table and got off to a flier winning all three pairs. Elaine Ingram once again produced a Lady of the Match performance after Alderholt had pulled one back.

Hitting a 19.19 average, six ton plus scores and an 111 game shot she set lifted her side and with Jo Knight and Sally James both grabbing good wins they took the match 6-3 and with it fifth place.

◆ *The Superleague AGM will be held at the Clockhouse Inn, Chideock on Friday April 30th at 6.15. All players interested in playing next season are invited to attend*

The Bridport Open will follow the AGM. 7.45pm register for an 8pm kick off.

Lyme Regis bowlers underway



◆ FIRST BOWL: Lyme Regis Town Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis delivers the first wood to officially open the new season at the Lyme Regis Bowling club in glorious sunshine on the Charles Mercer Green on Saturday

Bridport table skittles league

Division A	P	W	Pts	Beer
Jesters	20	16	76	17
Second Hand Clock	19	14	67	15
Eye of the Tiger	18	15	63	12
Chillieheads	20	10	57	9
Sally Mustangs	20	10	50	7
Crown A	19	10	46	4
Oak A Nuts	20	9	43	7
No Hoppers	20	8	43	11
Whats the Odds	18	7	38	13
Simpsons	19	8	36	6
Cross Shots	19	7	31	8
Classics	20	3	31	8

Division B	P	W	Pts	Beer
Kens Prix	20	16	69	11
Mucking Fuddlers	20	12	55	7
Five of Clubs	19	11	54	9
Consorts	20	10	54	13
Freds Heros	19	10	52	11
Baggies Boys	19	12	49	12
Slingers	20	10	48	10
Fishermen's Friends	19	8	45	9
Five Alive	19	9	43	10
Upstairs Downstairs	19	7	40	10
Crown Spares	20	5	33	6

Division C	P	W	Pts	Beer
Tanners A	20	18	76	17
Who Gives a Tuck	20	17	70	12
Bell Ends	20	16	70	11
West Dorset Clubb	19	14	59	14
Time Wasters	18	11	51	13
Stickups	19	9	50	9
The B Bs	18	8	39	8
Exiles	18	6	36	5
Catch of the Day	19	3	33	9
About Time	20	5	31	7
Kings of Hazard	20	4	27	4

WEYMOUTH & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

SHIPTON Gorge A hung on to top spot in Division ONE after a close battle with St Osmund's Crusaders but Pilgrims dented Gorge B's title hopes in Division Two with revenge for last weeks defeat.

Shipton Gorge A 21 St Osmund's Crusaders 15

The appearance of the unbeaten Simon Joslin for the visitors and the absence of Richard Trim through injury from the home side meant that this match was going to be a nail-biter.

Joslin duly won his three sets but dropped his first game of the season to Eddy Buck who dug in to win six points for the home side leaving the teams were level at 15-15 before the last two sets.

Chris Glover and Gil Roberts also picked up six points and it was Glover who won the ninth set 3-0 before combining with Roberts to take the doubles 3-0 and clinch a useful victory.

DIV 1 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shipton Gorge A	17	16	0	1	426	179	442
Springfield A	16	14	0	2	382	205	396
YMC A	18	8	1	9	381	314	389

Pilgrims 28 Shipton Gorge B 14

Pilgrims hung on to their top spot as Shipton's challenge, without the presence of Ron Tuckott, took a decisive blow in this top of the table clash.

Still smarting from their defeat at Shipton, Pilgrims were at full strength and in no mood to take prisoners, dropping only two sets all evening. These were to Jim Saunders who achieved a creditable seven points with just one defeat.

John Moseley returned to the side with a useful five points from close sets and David Poole took a further two. The doubles was a one-sided affair with the home side cruising home 3-0.

DIV 2 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Osmunds Sharks	18	14	0	4	415	250	429
Pilgrims	18	13	0	5	408	249	421
Shipton Gorge B	17	14	0	3	388	223	402
Springfield B	18	14	0	4	380	272	394

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◆ SHORT-MAT BOWLS: LYME REGIS PROMOTED!

East Devon League (afternoon League Division Two)

Table	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Awliscombe B	14	8	3	2	337	19
LYME REGIS	14	8	1	5	107	17
Colyton	14	7	1	6	213	15
Musbury	14	5	5	4	-61	15
Woodbury	14	7	1	6	-90	15
combe St Nicholas	14	5	3	6	-100	13
Sidford	14	4	4	6	-116	12
Seaton Cliff C	14	2	2	10	-290	6

◆ BADMINTON: A CHARMOUTH team must win the Tony Pryce West Dorset Badminton League Knock-out Tournament next week as they provide both teams contesting the final.

Charmouth 1 will play Charmouth 3 in the KO Cup Final at Westlands on Saturday April 24th.

Charmouth's third side Charmouth 2 have not missed out on the excitement either, when they will play either Bridport Royals or Cerne Abbas in the KO Plate.

Cruel finish to Bees cup dreams

BRIDPORT 1 BISHOP SUTTON 1

(Bishop Sutton win on pens 5-3 after extra time)
Les Phillips Cup Semi-final - Attendance: 118

Saturday, April 17th

THE DREAM is over! Bridport's hopes of lifting the Les Phillips Cup for the first time were shattered by defeat following a penalty shoot-out.

Bridport who had gone into the semi-final with several players carrying injuries, put on a brave display against their Premier League rivals but were finally defeated after skipper Darren Lock blazed his spot kick over the bar in the climax to an emotionally draining game.

Despite losing Darren Watts in the first minute, Trevor Senior's walking wounded battled to equalise in the second half, and with keeper Jamie Fry saving two penalties, it looked like they might just make it as the Bees started to dictate the game. In extra time they had a Roger Cumming's goal disallowed for offside before the game was decided on penalties.

The first seven were despatched before the unfortunate Lock missed leaving Liam Farmer to net the decisive goal.

Watts had declared himself fit for the game but had to be substituted in the first minute without kicking the ball, but Senior's 5-4-1 tactic with son Chris a lone striker kept the Bishop's at bay until top scorer Rob Smart glanced home a near post header from Mike Rimmer for his 31st goal of the season in the 17th minute.

He should have added another nine minutes after the break when Chris Clarke pulled back Farmer in the box, but Fry got down to his right to turn Smart's kick around the post.

Fry denied Smart again five minutes later when he reacted brilliantly to block the strikers shot from inside the six-yard box.

The Bees equalised on 73 minutes with a rare sortie into the visitors half when Wise produced one of his trademark free-kicks curling his low shot around the Bishops six man wall and beyond keeper Chris Blammon.

The drama wasn't finished yet, as having clawed their way back into the game, Lock tripped Peter Sheppard five minutes later, but again Fry denied the visitors from the penalty spot, producing an even better save from Kye Holly, again going right and getting his fingertips to the ball.

Bridport thought they might have had a penalty of their own when three minutes from time sub Roger Cummings collided with Blammon as he chased a long ball, to which the Bishop's keeper reacted, but the ref only booked both players.

Bridport had the better of extra-time with Cummings having a goal ruled out for offside and Wise almost snatched a winner two minutes from the end with a curling shot that just dipped too late over the far angle of the goal frame.

The large crowd certainly were entertained, but unlike the Larkhall Athletic game, it was Bridport who lost out in the penalty shoot-out.

Magpies woe at Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH 2 DORCHESTER TOWN 0

Blue Square South - Attendance: 433

Wednesday, April 14th

Dorchester Town were beaten 2-0 at Eastleigh on Wednesday to record back to back defeats for the first time this year.

The Magpies will feel a little aggrieved following a good performance as both goals had an element of luck about them.

Dorchester had created the better chances in the first half, the best being a thunderous 35-yard free-kick from Ryan Hill that was brilliantly turned over by home gloveman Jason Matthews just before the hosts scored with half an hour gone.

Sam Butler had the help of a Dorchester defender's deflection to help his 30-yard free kick find the net which after wrong footing keeper Regan Coward then only found the net via the upright.

Eastleigh's second just before the interval came from the penalty spot. Neil Martin was adjudged to have clipped Richard Gillespie's heel as he ran into the box, and the Eastleigh striker got up to hammer the ball beyond Coward.

Magpies thumped!

LEWES 5 DORCHESTER TOWN 0

Blue Square South - Attendance: 514

Saturday, April 17th

DORCHESTER Town suffered their biggest defeat of the season, their third in a row, in a lack-lustre performance at the Dripping Pan on Saturday.

Lewes fighting for survival in the Blue Square South enhanced their chances by thumping five past a Magpies side that showed several changes from the mid-

week defeat by Eastleigh.

Lewes who now move out of the relegation zone following this victory took the lead on eight minutes when Scott Brice brought down James Fraser in the penalty box and top scorer Joe Keehan scored from the spot.

The hosts continued to pin Dorchester in their own half and Keehan went close with two more efforts. Dorchester rarely bothered Rooks keeper Rikki Banks and it was no surprise when Keehan added his 18th of the season when he glanced home Rob Gradwell's corner a minute before the break.

Fired up Lewes continued the assault on the Magpies defence after the interval and despite Regan Coward's desperate attempts to keep the ball out, Gradwell scored their third after good work by David Wheeler.

Three minutes later, Chris Breach's looping header from Fraser's corner evaded the fingertips of Coward as it dropped behind him into the goal.

Lewis completed a nap hand when substitute Jean-Michel Sigere dinked the ball past the onrushing Coward on the edge of the area four minutes from time to seal a valuable win for the Rooks.

Terraces give fans hope with win

WEYMOUTH 1 HAMPTON & RICHMOND 0

Blue Square South - Attendance: 501

Saturday, April 17th

WEYMOUTH gave their loyal fans a victory to savour in their last home Blue Square South match.

With relegation to the Zamarero League next season confirmed the Terraces had nothing to fight for except their pride, and they gave current caretaker manager Andy Harris a first win in the eight matches since he took over from Jerry Gill in March.

They were also able to show the new incumbent management team, Ian Hutchinson and his assistant Andy Mason that they are worth a place in their side next season.

The duo were introduced to the crowd of 501 before kick-off where they received a standing ovation.

Harris stayed loyal to the side that gave a good performance in losing to high fliers Dover Athletic and whilst the game didn't set the world alight, the Terraces deserved their victory if only through their work rate and determination.

The goal that settled the tie came from Jamie McGuinness five minutes after the break when he was on hand at the far post when visiting gloveman Matt Lovett could only push Simon Radcliffe's cross into his path.

Ollie Tribe had cleared Ian Hodges shot off the line before Lovett tipped Scott Dixon's shot around the post.

Weymouth started to dominate the game after they scored and McGuinness drove a shot wide of the post, but they needed teenage keeper Michael Neish to win all three points when he had to stretch to keep out Barry Matthews header just before the end, where they also left to a standing ovation.

Wise goal earns derby victory

BRIDPORT 1 CHARD TOWN 0

Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 105

Thursday, April 15th

A THIRD minute Dan Wise goal gave Bridport a hard earned 1-0 victory over Chard Town last Thursday in the Toolstation Western League First Division match at St Mary's Field.

Wise reacted first after Chris Senior's shot had come back off the crossbar to score through a melee of players. Although his shot was hacked off the line the assistant awarded the goal.

In a dour game, very little of any substance occurred in the first-half with manager Trevor Senior having to replace Matt Condliffe with James Maidment after he turned his damaged ankle once again.

Chard came out with more purpose after the break and Gary Knight went close with a header from Jon Hurford's free kick that just cleared the angle of the goalframe.

Sam Charles had two chances to increase the Bees lead on the hour but first could only sidefoot Adam Symes cross straight at visiting keeper Stu Parris, before driving his shot wide of the far post after collecting Wise's pass and beating his marker.

Knight then brought down Charles on the edge of the box, but redeemed himself when he got in the way of Wise's free kick and deflected it over the bar.

The Bees midfielder then almost doubled the score on 76 minutes but this time his free-kick hit the top of the crossbar and went over.

Two minutes later Chard Town's Mark Scott was given a straight red card following an incident with Jamie Symes who received a dead leg when the defender appeared to kick him after the ball had gone.

Gutsy Bees fightback for a point

BRIDPORT 2 ALMONDSBURY 2

Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 60

Tuesday, April 13th

BRIDPORT fought back twice to secure a 2-2 draw at home to Almondsbury UWE two days earlier.

Adrian Hiroli gave the visitors the lead midway through the first-half with a good goal from 15 yards before Andy Suttle blocked Jordan Rogers shot who blasted the rebound just over the bar, and then foiled the striker again just before the break.

The Bees equalised five minutes after the break when Adam Symes just beat two defenders to convert Sam Charles' cross at the far post.

Almondsbury regained the lead 20 minutes from the end when a shot from James Marshall evaded everyone in the goalmouth and found the net, but Bridport levelled it five minutes later when Dan Wise equalised from the penalty spot after he was brought down by the visitor's keeper Daniel Child after being put in by Charles.



◆ WHOOPS! Dorchester Town's Steve Devlin collides with James Dabizas and doesn't even receive a yellow card!

whilst his guile has brought out the best in midfield colleague Shaun MacDonald, who was already outstanding - on Saturday Williams was again the class act.

One of the two major talking points in Saturday's defeat hinged on replacement referee Oli Langford's refusal to dismiss Saints Jose Fonte on 77 minutes when he hauled back Williams as he skipped past the tall central defender on his way to goal.

Whilst there were other defenders in line, none appeared to have been in a position to have made a challenge, and therefore Forte should have received a red card as he was the last defender. Instead Langford who had a dreadful game and had already dismissed Morgan Schneiderlin seven minutes earlier for violent conduct against Williams, appeared to lose his bottle and just booked him.

Southampton manager Alan Pardew, knowing that a draw was not good enough to maintain their play-off challenge went for broke and threw on forwards David Connolly and Papa Waigo N'Daiye in an effort to win the match on 84 minutes.

Despite a man advantage, Skiverton then decided to withdraw lone striker Bowditch and replace him with midfielder Keiron Murtagh two minutes from normal time. This allowed Saints territorial advantage, and as has been seen so often this season it immediately put the Yeovil defence under pressure and ultimately paid the price when Papa Waigo's right wing cross was headed home by half-time sub Lee Barnard.

Snapper gets taken out!

TAKING photos can be a dangerous job. Just ask James Dabizas, who works for the Western Gazette. He was quietly going about his job at Dorchester Town's recent match with Chelmsford City when he was taken out by the Magpies midfielder Steve Devlin as he went to prevent a ball going out of play.

He was caught on camera by freelance photographer Idris Martin who fortunately was positioned at another part of the ground but was alert enough to catch the action.



■ STILL BATTLING: White Horse FC who gave their hopes of survival in the Perry Street League Premier Division a boost by beating Merriott Rovers 4-1 on Saturday. The two teams meet again at Symondsbury at the weekend. Line-up, back row from left: Nick Pomeroy (assistant manager), Aaron Marshall, Colin Paul, James Pitcher, Ashley Walkey, Lee Quincey, Carl Ives, Richard Mawditt. Front: John Kingston, Tom Franklin, Nathan Patten, Chris Potter, Peter Lawrence, Rich Bolton, Jed (mascot), Russell Weller, Richard Pincombe. Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

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with KEITH JENKIN

Dorchester warm-up for semi-final with fine win

THE final day of the 2009/2010 league season was bright and sunny, with very little wind. In fact it was ideal for rugby football. It was a shame therefore that far too many of the local sides were without fixtures for one reason or another.

I started my day at HONITON as a guest of the club on the occasion of their vice presidents' luncheon, always a convivial and much looked forward to occasion, certainly on my part. On my arrival I found that their opposition, DHSOB had declined to travel.

Needing a game to cover, I eschewed the provender, took my leave and made my way to BRIDPORT to cover their final game and to take in the presentation of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South) winners trophy. I was intercepted en route and advised that their game too had been conceded by opposition, OAK-MEDIANS seconds.

Feeling that the fates were conspiring against me, I kept travelling east and thankfully was able to watch the DORCHESTER/CORSHAM encounter.

DORCHESTER 41pts, CORSHAM 18pts

ALTHOUGH both sides are locked together in the division's mid-table, this encounter certainly had some meaning, being a dress rehearsal for a cup semi final due to take place on Thursday, April 22nd at North Dorset.

In fast, firm, conditions the home side did not get off to the best of starts, with their opening drop out not travelling the required ten yards.

In fact it was Corsham who looked the likelier outfit early on, winning the bulk of possession and playing much of the rugby in home territory.

The first score came before the game was ten minutes old. The visitors took lineout ball on the Dorchester twenty two and mauled their way to within five yards of the home line. They then released, only for the Dorchester midfield to be penalised and the successful penalty kick gave Corsham a 3-0 lead.

The next Corsham score came some five minutes later and had a shade of good fortune about it. The visitors' eight

won lineout ball on halfway and one of their midfield assayed a grubber kick. The ball bounced back to him off a Dorchester body and, on gathering, he found himself in the clear.

He made the most of his good fortune, feeding his right winger some twenty five yards out, and he scuttled over and touched down halfway out. The try remained unconverted but gave Corsham an 8-0 lead with less than fifteen minutes played.

At this stage the home side were not winning useable ball and were also conceding the odd penalty from which their opponents prospered. They did manage, just, to secure possession a few minutes later however and, moreover made it count for, after a break in the centre, full-back Read came into the line, showed his number to the cover and touched down between the posts. Jones kicked the conversion from in front, and Dorchester were back to within a point at 7-8, very much against the run of play.

One had the feeling that Dorchester had flattered to deceive with this score, for the game then reverted to its original pattern, with Corsham continuing to be by far the busier of the sides.

A few minutes later they mounted a good attack. One of their midfielders threw a good cut out pass, putting his colleague into a wide gap and the result was a try, scored halfway out and also unconverted.

The home side was not playing at all well at this stage. They were falling off tackles, leaving gaps, and their opponents were running through them.

Then, five minutes before the break, the visitors kicked a penalty award to the corner and mauled the ensuing lineout over the line to claim a third unconverted try of the half and to lead 18-7.

Although Dorchester were still in touch at this stage, one felt that it was owing to the fact that the Corsham place kicker was struggling with his method, rather than to the quality of their play, as he had missed three kickable conversions and a couple of penalty goals in the half.

It was the home side however who had

the final say of the half. They attacked, again through Read who made a good diagonal run and, when checked inside the Corsham twenty two, put his centre Jones over out wide.

The conversion kick was a good one, agonisingly rebounding from the crossbar, but nevertheless the unconverted try took the home side to within a score at 12-18, although they had certainly been second best for most of the half.

I remain unsure as to just what Dorchester imbibe with their half time oranges, but I could do with a supply of it. They looked businesslike from minute one of the second period and had taken the lead before the half was ten minutes old from a move, initiated by Jones and completed by Read, who came into the line to take the inside pass and to score near touch.

Jones added the extras with an excellent kick from out wide and from his wrong side, to give his side the lead at 19-18.

Seemingly now having found the secret, Dorchester scored again, more or less directly from the restart, breaking down the lead, and again it was Read who was well up to take the scoring pass.

The try remained unconverted but it was all Dorchester now. They were winning useable ball and, moreover, using it. Jones scored the next, breaking the visitors' line from set piece possession on halfway and taking an inside line to score in the corner. This latest unconverted effort really put the home side in the driving seat at 29-18 ahead.

Home dominance continued and, with fifteen minutes left another break in the centre by Jones saw him gallop to the corner to touch down his hat trick try.

The visitors were a pretty tired unit now and, with ten minutes left, Read came into the line on the narrow side, just inside his own half, broke clear and was guilty of belated and shameful "Jug Evasion" to my mind, running to the line before passing to Bament, who was making a welcome return from injury. He touched down some five yards in from touch.

Jones kicked the conversion for good measure to complete the scoring and to take his side to a resounding win that had looked unlikely, to say the least, less than an hour previously.

I hate the phrase, "a game of two halves" but really cannot avoid using it to describe this one. Dorchester, having been lacklustre in the extreme before the break, transformed themselves in the second period to romp away to a deserved win.

They should have learnt how to beat this opposition in the cup game on Thursday, for the Corsham back three did not prove effective and their backs had no answer to the running of Jones and Read.

The Dorchester second side conceded their final league encounter at Bournemouth thirds.

WEYMOUTH 15pts, SWANAGE & WAREHAM 2nd 10pts

THIS was a game that the home side had to win if they were not to be overtaken by their opponents and so lose the runners up position in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South).

Although conditions were ideal for open running rugby, the handling of both sides was not quite as it should have been and the game was laced with knock ons and spilt passes.

In fact Weymouth did deserve to win, scoring three unconverted tries, through Dave Allen, Roger Lewendon and Joe Gibson, against two by their opponents.

They had to withstand very considerable pressure imposed by the visitors late on however. They did so successfully but the issue was in doubt until the whistle for no side sounded.

WEYMOUTH 2nd 55pts, BOURNEMOUTH 4th 17pts

AFTER steaming against the tide for much of the season, the Weymouth section string have struck a very rich vein of form in the final weeks.

For the second week running they have bested their opponents by a very considerable margin and will, most certainly be

hoping to take this form into September.

SWANAGE & WAREHAM 3rd 36pts, BRIDPORT 2nd 14pts

THE Bridport second side could not end its league campaign on a winning note, going down to Swanage & Wareham thirds by a comfortable margin.

PREVIEW

SATURDAY last saw the end of the 2009/2010 league season and the WEYMOUTH club has collectively hung up its boots until September next.

DORCHESTER are still involved in the County Cup Competition at the semi final stage and take on last Saturday's opponents, CORSHAM, on Thursday (tomorrow) evening at the North Dorset ground. If they can exert some control, cut out Saturday's first half errors and sent the ball wide at every opportunity, they should win with some comfort.

Their opponents however, are a busy side who move the ball well out of contact with short quick offloads and had Dorchester chasing shadows on quite a few occasions in Saturday's first period.

Their back three were not effective in defence on Saturday however, letting the ball bounce and getting caught in possession by the followers. Their first up tackling left a little to be desired on occasion also.

Dorchester to reach the final in some comfort, I think, on a date yet to be announced!

BRIDPORT end the season with a friendly game against the ROYAL TANK REGIMENT, something of a festival really and they will be hoping that the weather gods are on their side to help the occasion.

FIXTURES

24th April: Bridport v Royal Tank Regiment (home); Chard v Cirencester (away); Chard 2nd v Somerton; Chard 3rd v Wiveliscombe 2nd; Crewkerne v No Game; Dorchester v Corsham (Cup Semi final at North Dorset Thursday at 6pm); Honiton v Tamar Saracens (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Wellington 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Wellington 3rd.

Dorset County Cricket Club

Nick's knock earns narrow win

A DETERMINED knock of 79 from opener Nick Park and a quickfire half century from Darren Cowley were the backbone of Dorset County's slim eight run win over a Dorset League XI at Dean Park on Sunday.

Team manager Sean Walbridge desire for one of the opening pair to provide a base for the rest of the team was met by Park who batted for almost the entire innings, occupying the crease for 44.4 overs and facing 121 balls in Dorset's total of 272-6 off 50 overs.

After losing Glyn Tregus (8), Josh Lawrence (4) and David Taylor (11) with 58 on the board, Park and Chris Morgan (42) shared a stand of 99 to lift the county side, before Cowley hit 57 off just 29 balls in a partnership worth 67. Captain Chris Park then weighed in with an unbeaten 30 off 29 balls.

Mike Ford was the most successful League bowler having taken the first three wickets at a cost of 28 ably backed up by Roger Stannas who only conceded 21 in his ten overs.

In reply Dorset Under-21s Leigh Duham showed he is capable of stepping up to the senior side with a confident 74 and he and Raj Naik (Parley) looked like embarrassing the county side as they added 103 in 15 overs before Naik was bowled by Simon

Watkins for 68.

John Powell from Broadstone then hit 45 at almost a run a ball before Glyn Tregus (4-31) had him caught by Ed Denham. Tregus then removed Miller and the dangerous Dan Belt (26) to set up the victory.

Walbridge said: "This was an excellent work out ahead of our first competitive game against Hertfordshire this weekend."

Nick Park did exactly what we asked which allowed us to build on. It was Darren Cowley's quickfire innings that probably took the game away from the League side, but good innings from Chris Morgan and Chris Park shows we have depth in our batting and runs in the lower order.

"It was also good to see Leigh Dunham in such good form. As an under-21 player he has shown that he is quite capable of stepping up."

"I was extremely pleased with David Taylor's bowling; a good economical spell and we once again have strength in depth with our bowling with Glyn Tregus coming on and picking up four wickets. The League side were pushing on and he came on and slowed them down as well as took wickets."

Walbridge thought the Dorset League side proved an excellent workout for them.

"It was a worthwhile exercise and has given me a few selection

headaches ahead of the weekend."

DORSET CCC

G.Treagus b M.Ford	8
N.Park st Fitzgerald b Naik	79
J.Lawrence st Fitzgerald b Ford	4
D.Taylor c Miller b Ford	11
C.Morgan lbw b Waite	46
D.Cowley c Miller b Wilson	57
C.Park* not out	30
S.Watkins b Naik	0
P.Tweddle+ not out	10
Extras (Onb, 18w, 8lb, 1b)	27
Total	272 for 7

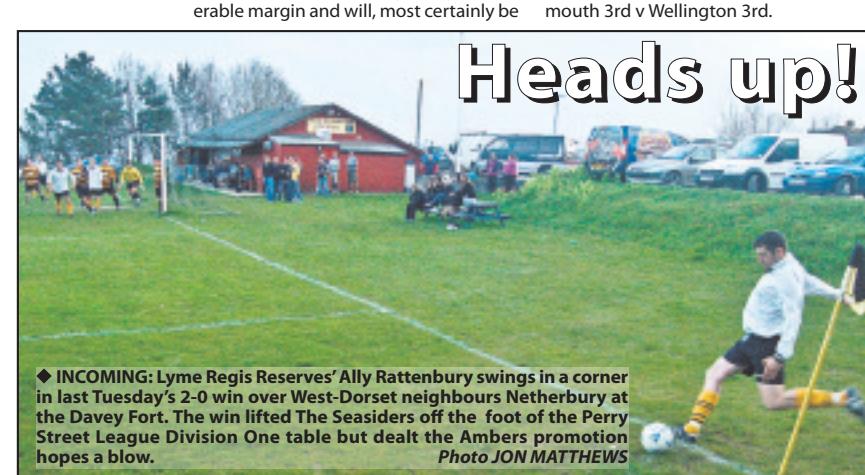
Bowling: S.Forshaw: 5-0-30-0, M.Ford: 7-1-28-3, R.Stannas: 10-1-21-0, D.Belt: 8-0-44-0, R.Naik: 10-0-61-2, R.Waite: 5-0-40-1, K.Wilson: 5-0-39-1.

DORSET LEAGUE REP XI

D.Maslen lbw b Taylor	2
L.Dunham St Tweddale b Morgan	74
S.Fitzgerald+ lbw b Taylor	14
R.Naik b Watkins	68
J.Powell c Denham b Treagus	45
K.Wilson St Tweddale b Morgan	10
D.Belt c N.Park b Treagus	26
D.Miller* c C.Park b Treagus	3
M.Ford c Warren b Treagus	0
R.Waite not out	0
R.Stannas not out	0
Extras (Onb, 14w, 8lb, 0b)	22

Total **264 for 9**

Bowling: D.Taylor: 10-1-22-2, P.Warren: 10-1-41-0, E.Denham: 10-0-59-0, C.Morgan: 9-0-54-2, S.Watkins: 6-0-49-1, G.Treagus: 5-0-31-4.



◆ INCOMING: Lyme Regis Reserves' Ally Rattenbury swings in a corner in last Tuesday's 2-0 win over West-Dorset neighbours Netherbury at the Davey Fort. The win lifted The Seasiders off the foot of the Perry Street League Division One table but dealt the Ambers promotion hopes a blow.

Photo JON MATTHEWS

Wildcats win but miss-out on Cup

WEYMOUTH WILDCATS SPEEDWAY

DESPITE recording their first win of the season Weymouth Wildcats could not overturn a first leg deficit in the return leg of the Pete Redfern Memorial Trophy with Isle of Wight at the Wessex Raceway.

The Wildcats pulled out all the stops but couldn't overcome the 18 point deficit in their 49-43 win leaving IOW the winners by 99-87.

The hosts fell further behind on aggregate after four heats trailing 13-11, and with the Islanders getting their first maximum in heat five, by race eight the gap was 28 points.

With Terry Day and Byron Bekker producing wins and the Wildcats earning maximum's in the next two heats they started to pull back some of the deficit.

When Bekker and Cockle added a

one/two in heat 13 the Wildcats found themselves in front for the first time on the night and they finished with the same two adding another 5-1 in heat 16.

Byron Bekker once again top scored with 12 + 1, followed by Cockle (11 + 2), Day (9) and guest rider Matt Bates (8+1) who replaced injured skipper Tom Brown.

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ASH TAKES THE BLAME

DORCHESTER Town boss Ashley Vickers held up his hands after Saturday's 5-0 mauling by Lewes had condemned the Magpies to their third loss on the trot.

Vickers had promised that once safe he would give a chance to all the squad members to prove themselves as he moves towards making decisions about next season's squad.

He made six changes to the side that lost 2-0 in midweek against Eastleigh, and although he might be able to aim some of his sides lacklustre display at an injury to Kyle Critchell midway through the first half causing him to change his formation to a back three, it was the lack of penetration against a side fighting for their own survival in Blue Square South.

"It was a bad day and I take the blame," said an honest Vickers. "I

BY STUART BROOM

changed the side quite a lot as I wanted to look at a couple of things but it didn't work. I have learned a lot from the decisions I made, but I did also learn a lot about a few players which will help me make up my mind about the shape of the squad for next season.

"If I'm totally honest, Phil Simkins did warn me about making so many changes, but I decided to go with them and paid for it. As I have said before Phil is more conservative than me - and in this case wiser!

"I'm gutted about the defeat but ultimately I am responsible and I have learned from it."

Vickers was anxious to give players like Mark Jermyn, Nathan Walker and Jamie Gleeson a break them.

after a gruelling season, but the latter two had to come on to cover for the injury of Critchell and Harry Nodwell.

Having won 6-1 against Basildon which secured safety for The Magpies, they lost to both Chelmsford City and Eastleigh, although in both games played well. However conceding five against Lewes was not what Vickers expected who added: "It was the manner of the defeat that worried me most."

Looking forward he said: "I need to add more depth to the squad. I learned that with this defeat and Phil and I will be looking to strengthen the side in the close season. In the meantime we want to finish as high in the league as we can. It will be good to go out in style and beat Maidenhead on Saturday which will lift us above them."



■ TOUGH WORK: (from left) Isle of Wight's Dean Felton alongside Wildcats' Terry Day and Nick Lee in Pete Redfern Memorial Trophy action, see report on page 63. Photo by JAY EASTWOOD

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